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これが人生初の単行本となります。
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原作あと3本あります。
誰か描きたい人ー？
（いねーよ。つーかもうネーム描くヒマねーよ！）

BLADE COMICS

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女王ヒミコが創設した日本最古の役所、コートネーム「**鎮呪府**」。

それは今なお国内外の呪術によるトラブルを処理する**秘密機関**として存在していた。

呪術師の**櫛名田大蛇**は鎮呪府の依頼を受け、**朱女**とともに「下界」に趣く。

長らく忘み所として人の住まない場所だったが、今では人口12万人を超える**影山市**。

そこには、500年前の巨大な呪いと3000年に渡る**櫛名田家の因縁**が待ち受けていた…。

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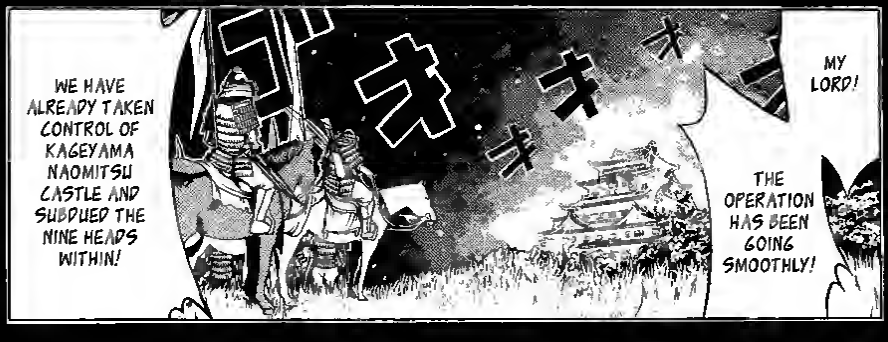

WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CONTROL OF KAGEYAMA NAOMITSU CASTLE AND SUBDUED THE NINE HEADS WITHIN!
MY LORD!
THE OPERATION HAS BEEN GOING SMOOTHLY!

WHAT IS CALLED A 'CURSE'... IS ALSO KNOWN AS AN 'INCANTATION'...

YES! ONE OF OUR MEN SAW HIM FLEEING TO THE EAST!
WHAT ABOUT MOROMITSU?
WE HAVE ALREADY DISPATCHED SOME MEN TO CAPTURE HIM!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MOROMITSU OF CHAKUNAN?

IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT IN ANCIENT TIMES, QUEEN HIMIKO USED INCANTATIONS TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT, AND USED THEM AS GUIDELINES FOR ADMINISTRATION.

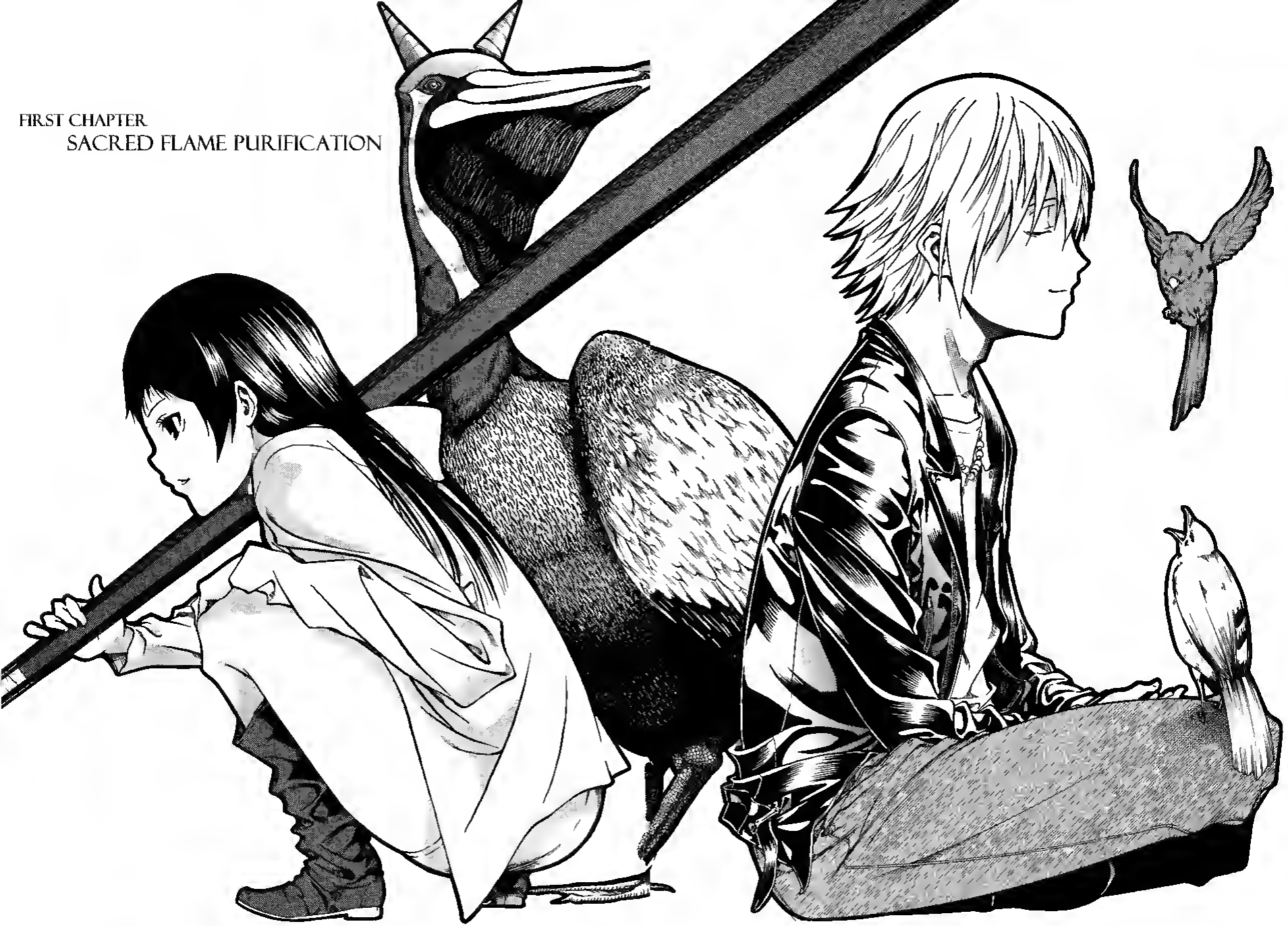
Because of the mixture of different religions and foreign cultures, there were many different kinds of incantations in this country...

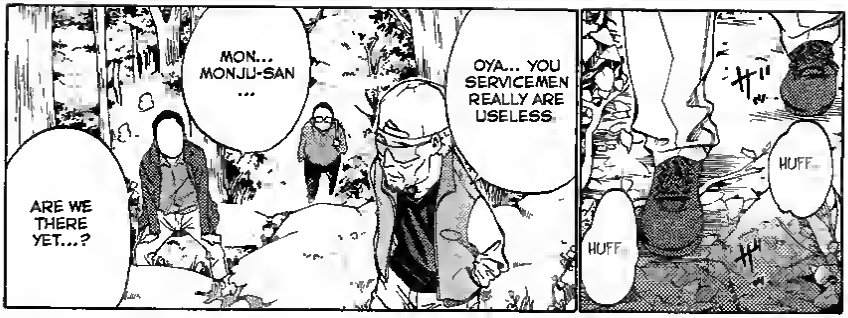
Shinto... Tantra... Tao... Shugen... For a period of prosperous and flourishing peace, incantations were said to be very influential in politics...

EVEN UNTIL NOW... INCANTATIONS ARE A PART OF THE CULTURE, DEEPLY ROOTED IN THIS COUNTRY...

FIRST CHAPTER

# SACRED FLAME PURIFICATION



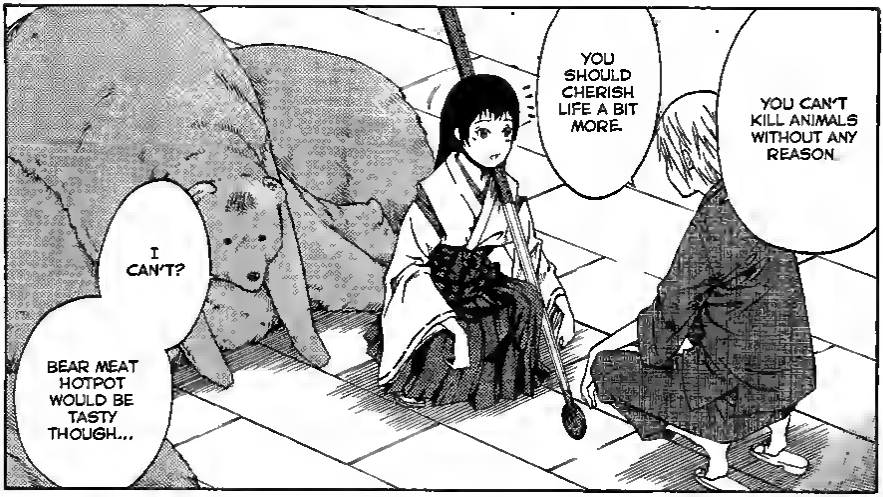

ARE WE THERE YET...?
MON... MONJU-SAN ...
OYA... YOU SERVICEMEN REALLY ARE USELESS.
HUFF...
HUFF...

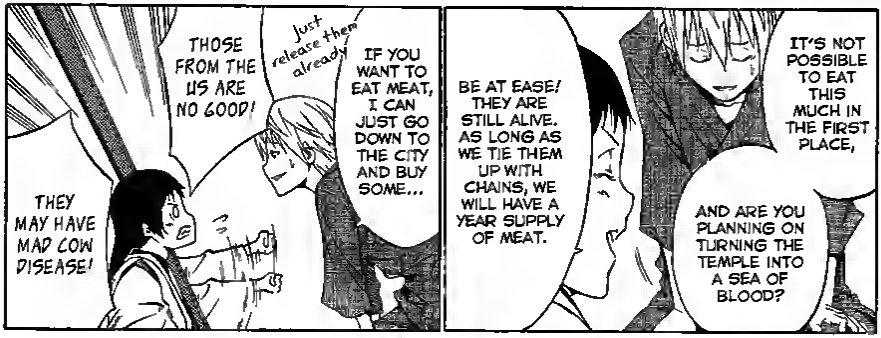
WE ARE ALMOST THERE.
LOOK,

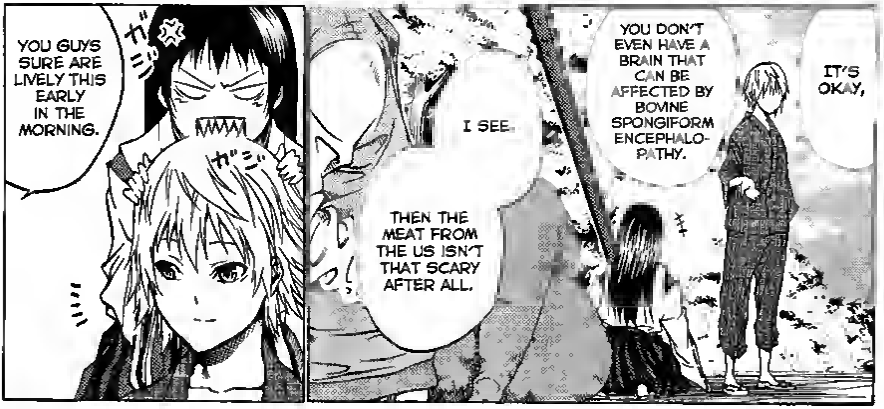
AYAME,
I HAVE SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU.

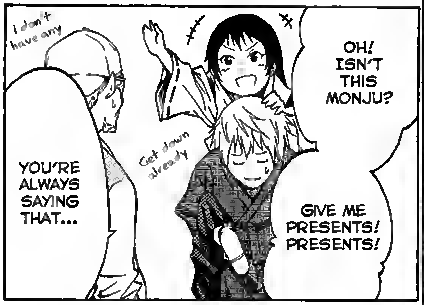
OH! THIS SURE IS RARE. IF YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT, IT MUST REALLY BE IMPORTANT!
JUST SAY IT THEN!
AYAME WILL DEFINITELY RECEIVE IT LOUD AND CLEAR!

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE WILD LIFE PRESER-VATION PROTO-COL?
NO IDEA.
AH RIGHT, OROCHI, DO YOU HAVE A KNIFE? AN AXE WILL BE FINE TOO.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE LISTENING?
I AM! I AM DEFINITELY LISTENING TO YOU!
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, AYAME...

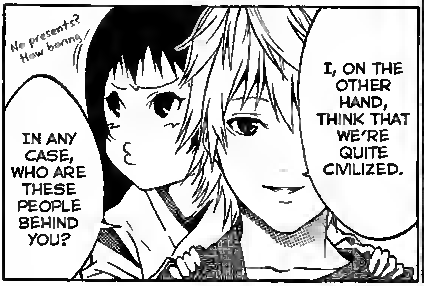

YOU CAN'T KILL ANIMALS WITHOUT ANY REASON.
YOU SHOULD CHERISH LIFE A BIT MORE.
I CAN'T?
BEAR MEAT HOTPOT WOULD BE TASTY THOUGH...

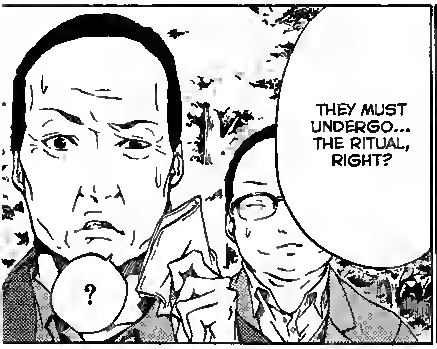

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO EAT THIS MUCH IN THE FIRST PLACE,
AND ARE YOU PLANNING ON TURNING THE TEMPLE INTO A SEA OF BLOOD?
BE AT EASE! THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. AS LONG AS WE TIE THEM UP WITH CHAINS, WE WILL HAVE A YEAR SUPPLY OF MEAT.
IF YOU WANT TO EAT MEAT, I CAN JUST GO DOWN TO THE CITY AND BUY SOME...
Just release them already
THOSE FROM THE US ARE NO GOOD!
THEY MAY HAVE MAD COW DISEASE!


IT'S OKAY,
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A BRAIN THAT CAN BE AFFECTED BY BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY.
I SEE.
THEN THE MEAT FROM THE US ISN'T THAT SCARY AFTER ALL.
YOU GUYS SURE ARE LIVELY THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING.


I don't have any
Get down already
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT...
OH! ISN'T THIS MONJU?
GIVE ME PRESENTS! PRESENTS!

EH?
HEY,
YOU GUYS ARE STILL LIVING SUCH A WILD LIFE, HUH?


No presents? How boring
IN ANY CASE, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE BEHIND YOU?
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, THINK THAT WE'RE QUITE CIVILIZED.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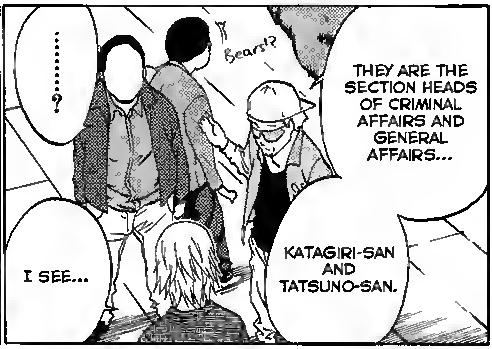
THEY MUST UNDERGO... THE RITUAL, RIGHT?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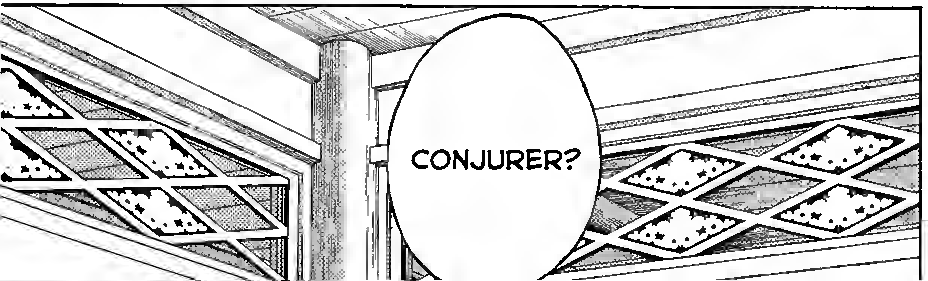
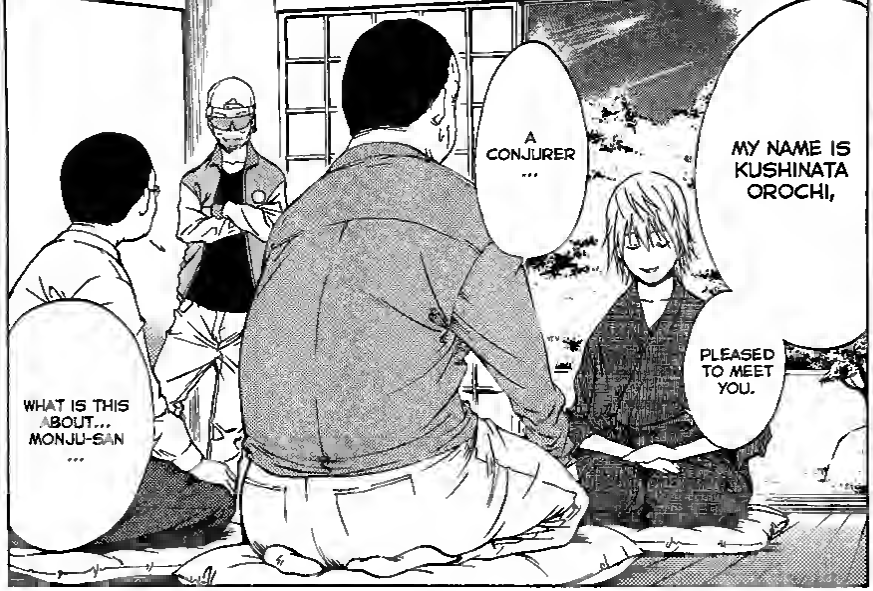
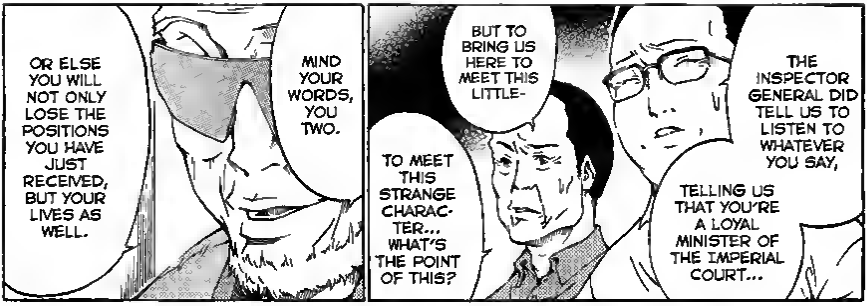
I SEE...
THEY ARE THE SECTION HEADS OF CRIMINAL AFFAIRS AND GENERAL AFFAIRS...
KATAGIRI-SAN AND TATSUNO-SAN.


CONJURER?

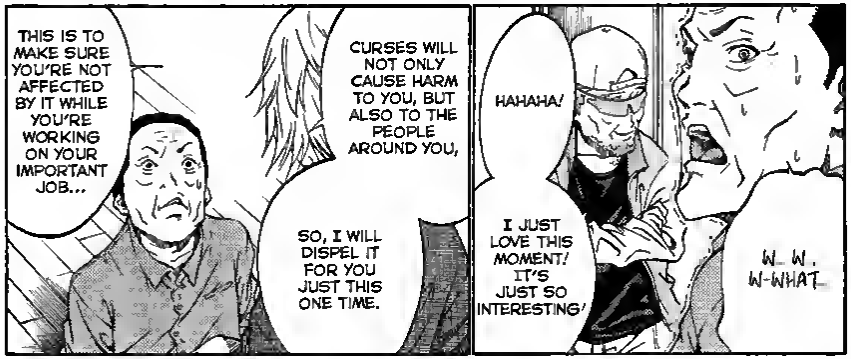

MY NAME IS KUSHINATA OROCHI,
A CONJURER ...
PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT... MONJU-SAN ...

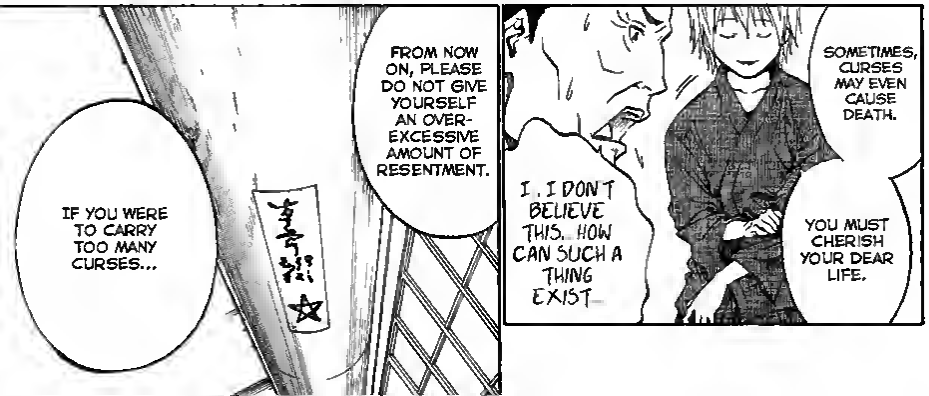

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL DID TELL US TO LISTEN TO WHATEVER YOU SAY,
TELLING US THAT YOU'RE A LOYAL MINISTER OF THE IMPERIAL COURT...
BUT TO BRING US HERE TO MEET THIS LITTLE-
TO MEET THIS STRANGE CHARACTER... WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS?
MIND YOUR WORDS, YOU TWO.
OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT ONLY LOSE THE POSITIONS YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED, BUT YOUR LIVES AS WELL.

THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED 'LARGE ENOUGH' POSITIONS IN THIS COUNTRY ...
WILL ALWAYS VISIT THIS PLACE.
FOR YOU TO CLIMB TO THE POSITIONS YOU ARE IN NOW, IT MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT...
AND SOMETIMES, YOU MAY HAVE USED INDECENT MEANS, NO?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
ESPECIALLY YOU, CRIMINAL AFFAIRS SECTION HEAD KATAGIRI-SAN...

THE AMOUNT OF RESENTMENT YOU'RE CARRYING RIGHT NOW...
IS ENOUGH TO HARBOR A 'CURSE'...
NOT ONLY HAVE YOU USED MANY CRAFTY MEANS TO GET RID OF YOUR MANY COMPETITIVE OPPONENTS...
BUT ALSO FOR EFFICIENCY, YOU EVEN FABRICATE EVIDENCES AND BRING MUCH INJUSTICE TO THE INNOCENTS
YOU MUST BE CARRYING A LOT OF 'RESENTMENT'.
JUST WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!
YOU!
THIS IS TOO DISRES-PECTFUL!
DON'T MISUNDER-STAND; I'M NOT LECTURING YOU OR ANYTHING,
I KNOW THAT THESE THINGS ARE A MUST TO CLIMB TO HIGHER POSITIONS.
HOWEVER, CARRYING TOO MUCH RESENTMENT WILL BE VERY BAD...
WHAT...!

SFX: Splat!
SFX: Shine!

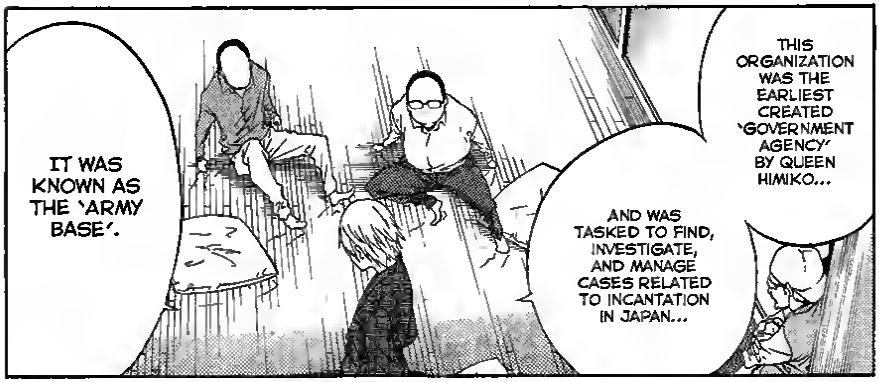

THIS IS TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT AFFECTED BY IT WHILE YOU'RE WORKING ON YOUR IMPORTANT JOB...
CURSES WILL NOT ONLY CAUSE HARM TO YOU, BUT ALSO TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU,
SO, I WILL DISPEL IT FOR YOU JUST THIS ONE TIME.
HAHAHA!
I JUST LOVE THIS MOMENT! IT'S JUST SO INTERESTING!
W... W... W-WHAT...


IF YOU WERE TO CARRY TOO MANY CURSES...
FROM NOW ON, PLEASE DO NOT GIVE YOURSELF AN OVER-EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF RESENTMENT.
I... I DON'T BELIEVE THIS... HOW CAN SUCH A THING EXIST...
SOMETIMES, CURSES MAY EVEN CAUSE DEATH.
YOU MUST CHERISH YOUR DEAR LIFE.

SO THEY CAME OUT ALREADY...
HIII!!

YOU WILL ATTRACT GHOSTS ...

SINCE CENTURIES AGO, THE IMPERIAL COURT HAS THIS SECRET ORGANIZATION ...
THERE IS ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE.
Gasp
GHOSTS ...?
GHO...


IT WAS KNOWN AS THE 'ARMY BASE'.
AND WAS TASKED TO FIND, INVESTIGATE, AND MANAGE CASES RELATED TO INCANTATION IN JAPAN...
THIS ORGANIZATION WAS THE EARLIEST CREATED 'GOVERNMENT AGENCY' BY QUEEN HIMIKO...

IN OTHER WORDS...
WHEN A WEIRD CASE APPEARS...
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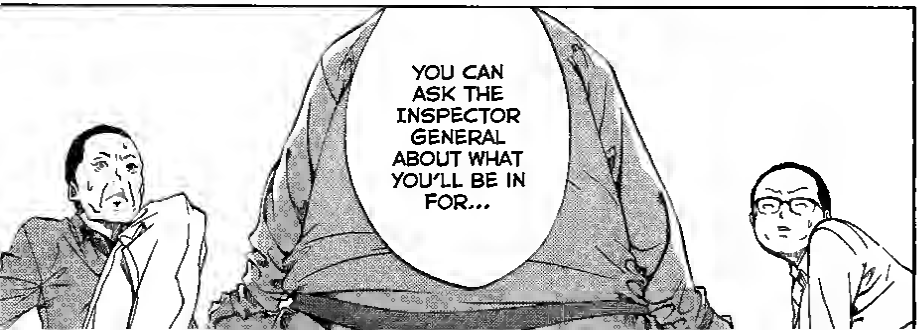
AFTER ALL, THE GOVERNMENT IS USING TAXES ON INCANTATIONS MUST BE KEPT A SECRET FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE...
WOAH! OROCHI!
THE BEAR IS ESCAPING!
PLEASE EXCUSE ME...

YOU MUST GIVE US YOUR UTMOST SUPPORT, AS WELL AS PREVENT THE TRUTH ABOUT THESE CASES FROM LEAKING OUT.
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO THIS...
THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY US, THE ARMY BASE, AS A CASE INVOLVING THE USE OF INCANTATIONS ...


YOU CAN ASK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ABOUT WHAT YOU'LL BE IN FOR...

Hey!
IT'S ALSO RATHER DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO COME HERE EVERY TIME ISN'T IT, MONJU...
SHOULDN'T YOU BE RETIRING AT YOUR AGE NOW?
BASTARD, WHO'S OLD?
I'M ONLY SIXTY-NINE AND HALF YEARS OLD, MIND YOU.
DID YOU SEE THEM? THEIR FACES...
LOOK LIKE THEY ARE TOO WORRIED TO EVEN THINK ABOUT THE ESCAPING BEAR.
IT SURE IS A BLESSING THAT YOU'RE TRAINING YOURSELF UP TO THAT EXTENT.
I GUESS THE PREVIOUS GENERATION MAY EVEN FEEL RELIEVED NOW.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOUR TECHNIQUES ARE GETTING EVEN BETTER...
!!!!!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO BRING IT UP.
THIS TOPIC ...
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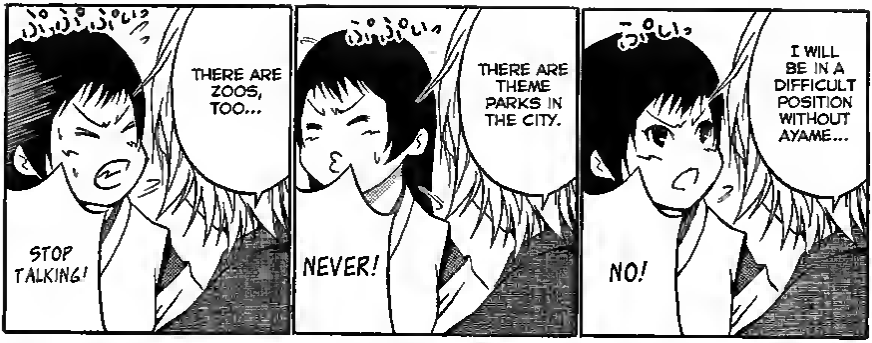
I DO NOT WISH TO RESENT YOU...
BECAUSE ...
.....
IT'S MY BAD YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL SO UNCOMFORTABLE
AH.
ALRIGHT.
LET'S ENTER THE MAIN TOPIC THEN...
DO YOU MIND SHUTTING YOUR MOUTH?
MONJU REALLY IS INTELLI-GENT AND CAPABLE!
YOU'RE PREPARING FOR YOUR DEATH ALREADY? I BET YOU'RE GOING TO PRESERVE YOUR CORPSE!
WHAT RUBBISH.
Stop looking already~
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN RETIRE SOON.
ONCE YOU RETIRE, I WILL RECOMMEND YOU A VERY GOOD FUNERAL PARLOR.

THIS IS HIGHLY RELIABLE INFORMATION.
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREPARE AN AMBUSH ON YOUR FATHER...
THE HIGHER-UPS HAVE SPOKEN, AND THEY NEED YOUR COOPERATION.
What a troublesome kid
FOR EXAMPLE, TERRORIST ATTACKS, POPULATION REDUCTION, ECONOMIC DEPRESSION, ETCETERA!
AYAME LIKES IT HERE! I WILL NEVER LEAVE THIS MOUNTAIN!
AYAME ...
NEVER!
IT'S ALSO PROBABLY TIME FOR AYAME TO GET HERSELF USED TO THE CITY...
THERE ARE SO MANY SCARY THINGS!
I HATE THE CITY!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THERE ARE ZOOS, TOO...
STOP TALKING!
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THERE ARE THEME PARKS IN THE CITY.
NEVER!
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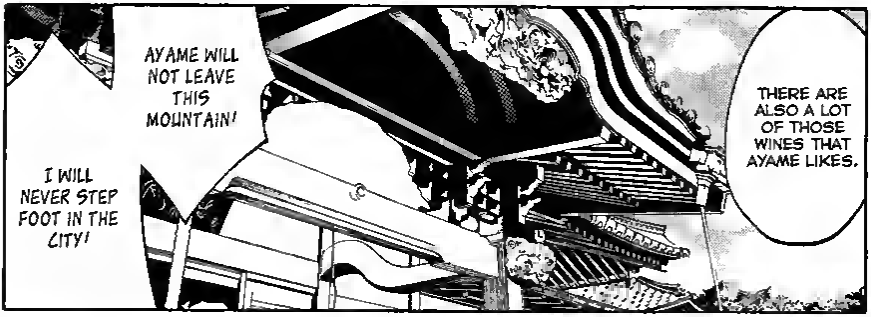
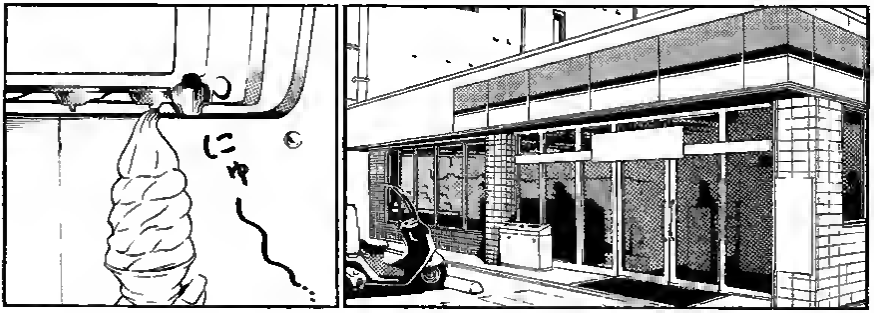
I WILL BE IN A DIFFICULT POSITION WITHOUT AYAME...
NO!


AYAME WILL NOT LEAVE THIS MOUNTAIN!
I WILL NEVER STEP FOOT IN THE CITY!
THERE ARE ALSO A LOT OF THOSE WINES THAT AYAME LIKES.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HERE, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING—!
PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT ...
OH—
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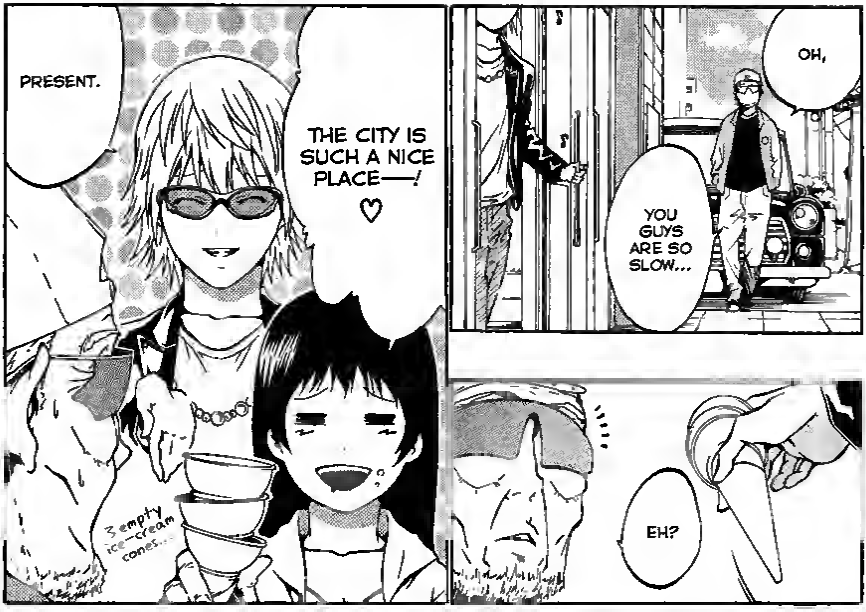
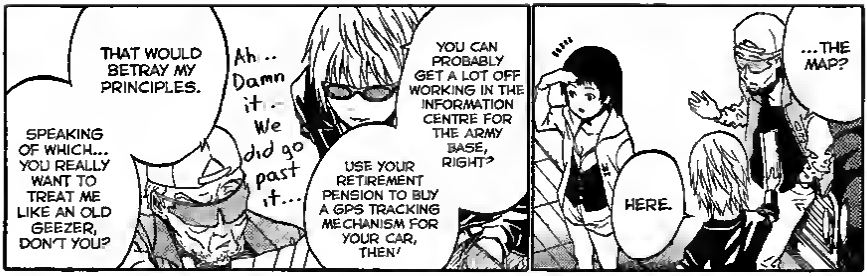
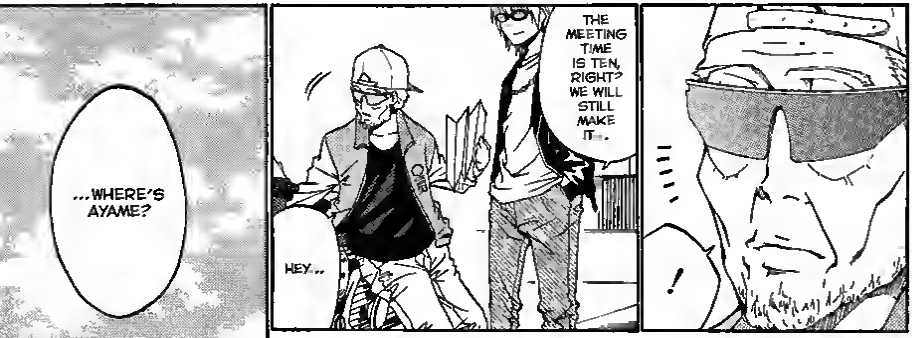
AND ALSO THIS MAP...
ALRIGHT, THAT WILL BE 873 YEN.


PRESENT.
THE CITY IS SUCH A NICE PLACE—♡
3 empty ice-cream cones...
OH,
YOU GUYS ARE SO SLOW...
EH?


THAT WOULD BETRAY MY PRINCIPLES.
SPEAKING OF WHICH... YOU REALLY WANT TO TREAT ME LIKE AN OLD GEEZER, DON'T YOU?
Ah.. Damn it.. We did go past it...
YOU CAN PROBABLY GET A LOT OFF WORKING IN THE INFORMATION CENTRE FOR THE ARMY BASE, RIGHT?
USE YOUR RETIREMENT PENSION TO BUY A GPS TRACKING MECHANISM FOR YOUR CAR, THEN!
...THE MAP?
HERE.


...WHERE'S AYAME?
HEY...
THE MEETING TIME IS TEN, RIGHT? WE WILL STILL MAKE IT.
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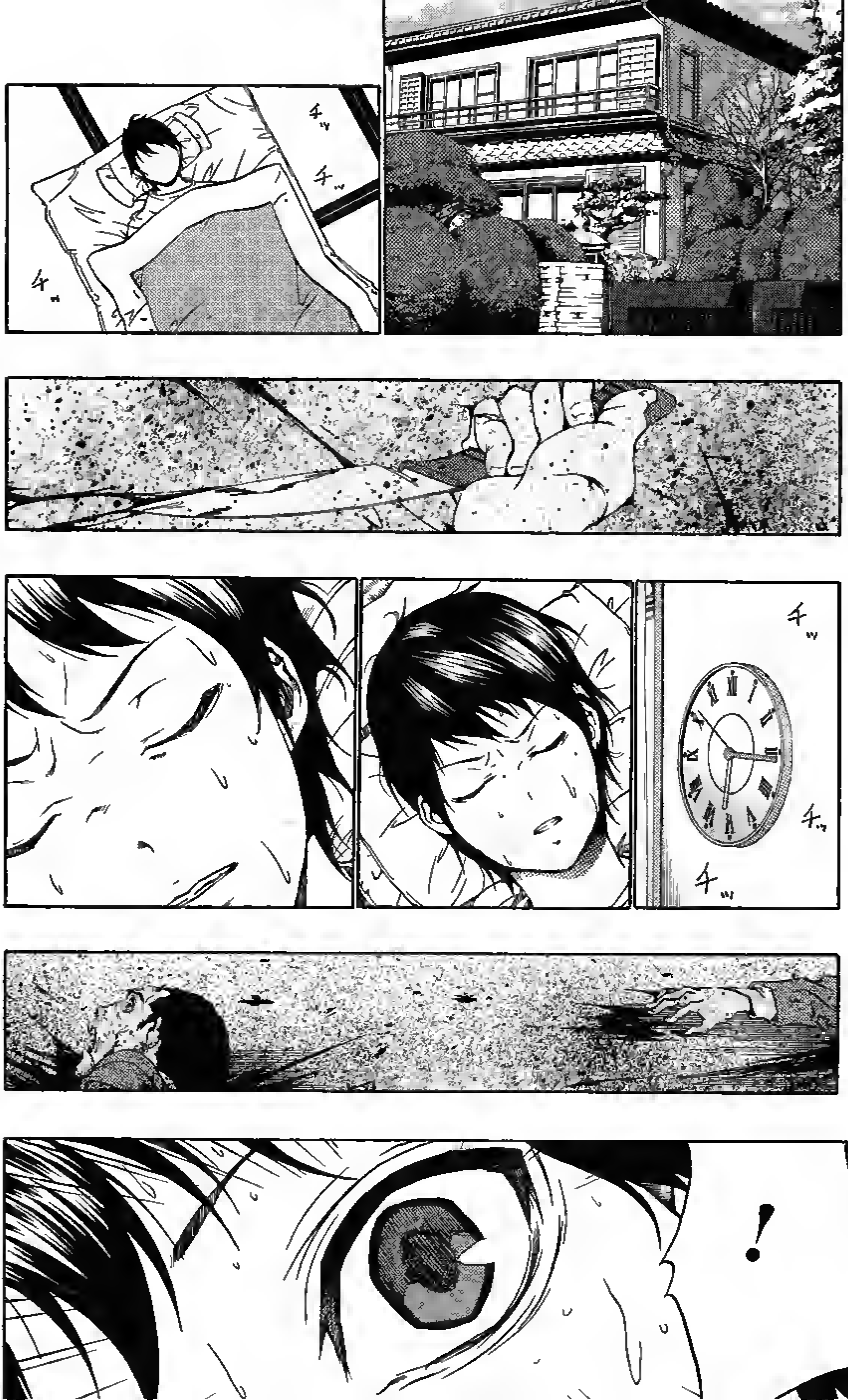
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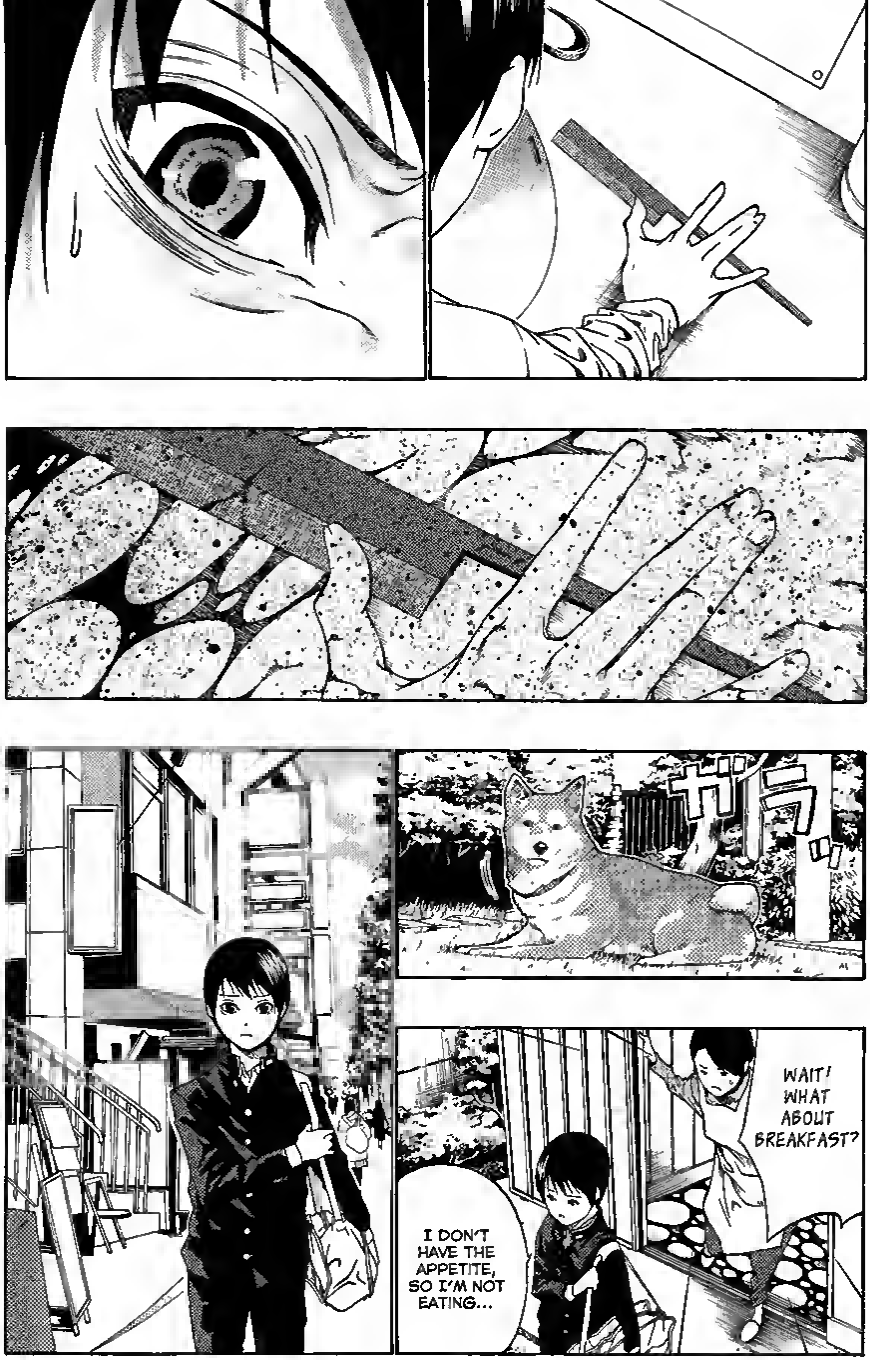
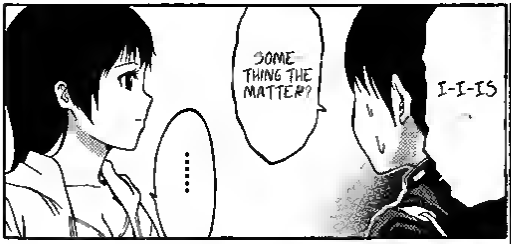
URGH...
PANT!
PANT!
EH? NATSUKI ...
YOU'RE ALREADY AWAKE?
AH... YES...
COUGH!
COUGH!
I'M FINE...
YOUR FACE LOOKS PALE...
ARE YOU FEELING UNWELL ...?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO NOTHING...


WAIT! WHAT ABOUT BREAKFAST?
I DON'T HAVE THE APPETITE, SO I'M NOT EATING...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SOME THING THE MATTER?
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WUAA AAH!
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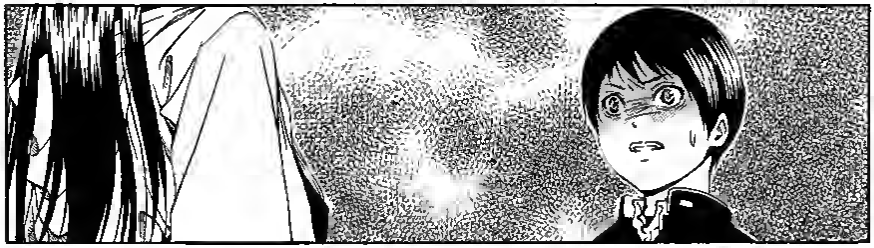
THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WITH THE SAME BLACK OUTFIT WALKING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.
WHY IS THAT SO?
AH?

I HAVE HEARD OF IT BEFORE!
It sounds really interesting!
ALL THE KIDS NOW SEEM TO GO TO SCHOOL AND PLAY, RIGHT?
NO... IT'S TO STUDY...
THE BLACK... UNIFORMS?
IT'S BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT TIME SCHOOL STARTS...
SCHOOL?
IS THAT SO?
SORRY FOR YOU HOLDING YOU UP.
ALTHOUGH HER JAPANESE IS VERY FLUENT— IS SHE A FOREIGNER?
THEN, I WILL BE GOING...
BY THE WAY, YOUNG MAN...

YOUR FACE IS SAYING...
I WANT TO KILL PEOPLE, I WANT TO KILL THEM... I CAN'T HOLD IT BACK ANYMORE, ISN'T IT?



.....!!
Ha ha ha ha!
JUST— JOKING!

IT'S THANKS TO YOU...
.....
OH?
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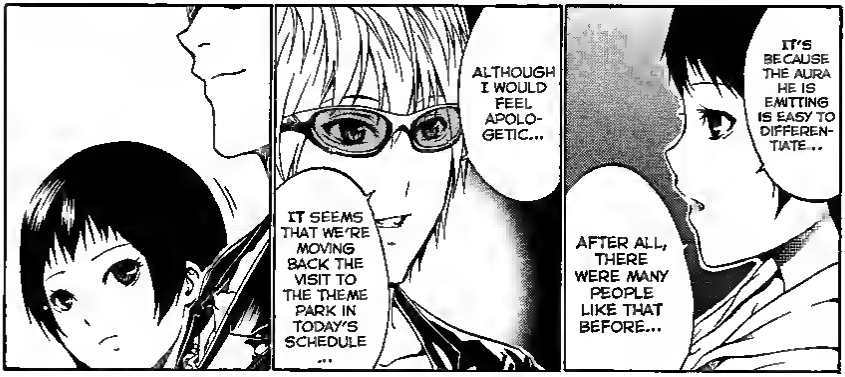
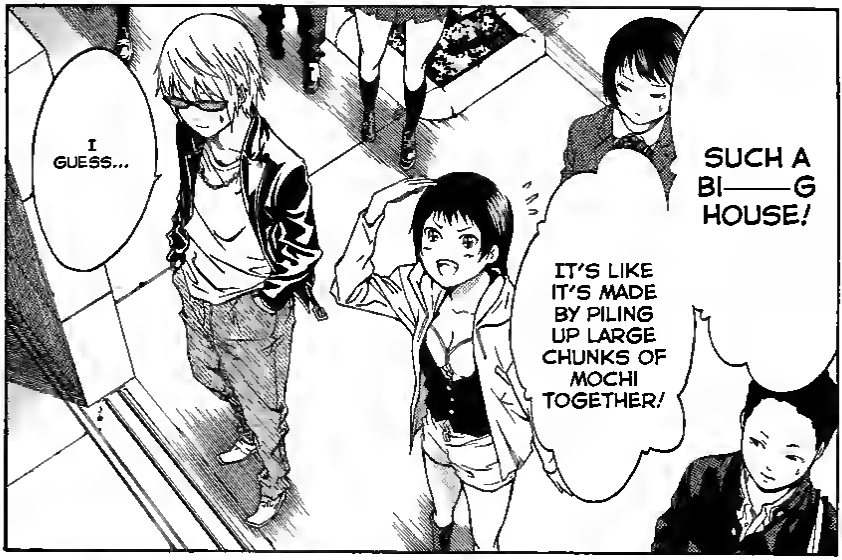
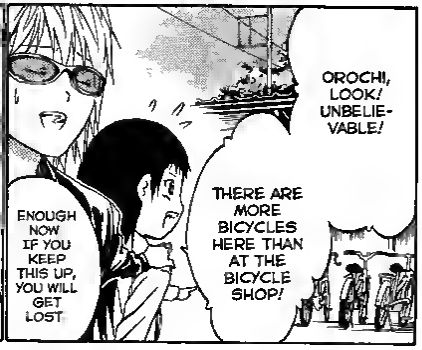

IT'S BECAUSE THE AURA HE IS EMITTING IS EASY TO DIFFERENTIATE...
ALTHOUGH I WOULD FEEL APOLOGETIC...
AFTER ALL, THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE LIKE THAT BEFORE...
IT SEEMS THAT WE'RE MOVING BACK THE VISIT TO THE THEME PARK IN TODAY'S SCHEDULE...

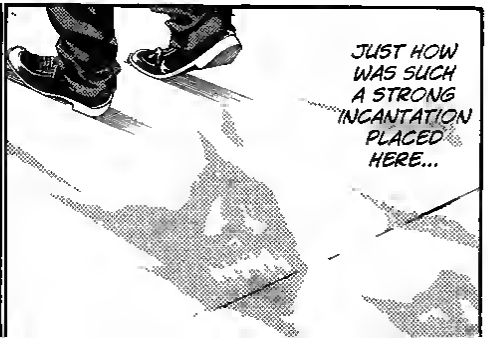
IF THIS KEEPS UP, EITHER THAT KID STARTS KILLING PEOPLE...
OR HE ENDS HIS OWN LIFE...
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED...

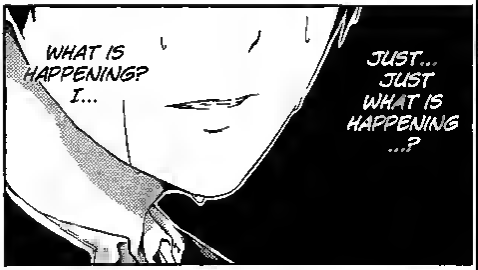
NEVER.
BUT... IF THIS KEEPS UP, THE SITUATION WILL BE VERY SEVERE.
NO!
Eh?
STOP TALKING!
IT WILL BE SAD.
I WANT TO PLAY A LITTLE MORE BEFORE I RETURN!
NO, NO, NO!
BUT WE HAVE TO GO BACK...
IT'S RARE THAT AYAME COMES DOWN TO THE CITY!
LIVES OF OTHER PEOPLE ARE ALL TRASH!
INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED, YOU KNOW?
NO! NO! NO!
Alright, let's go!
AYAME WILL NEVER GO!
LET'S JUST HAVE MONJU MEET WITH THE CLIENT FIRST.


I GUESS...
SUCH A BI——G HOUSE!
IT'S LIKE IT'S MADE BY PILING UP LARGE CHUNKS OF MOCHI TOGETHER!

... I CAN FEEL A LOT OF CURSES MASSING IN THIS PLACE...


OROCHI, LOOK! UNBELIE-VABLE!
THERE ARE MORE BICYCLES HERE THAN AT THE BICYCLE SHOP!
ENOUGH NOW IF YOU KEEP THIS UP, YOU WILL GET LOST


JUST HOW WAS SUCH A STRONG INCANTATION PLACED HERE...


WHAT IS HAPPENING? I...
JUST... JUST WHAT IS HAPPENING ...?

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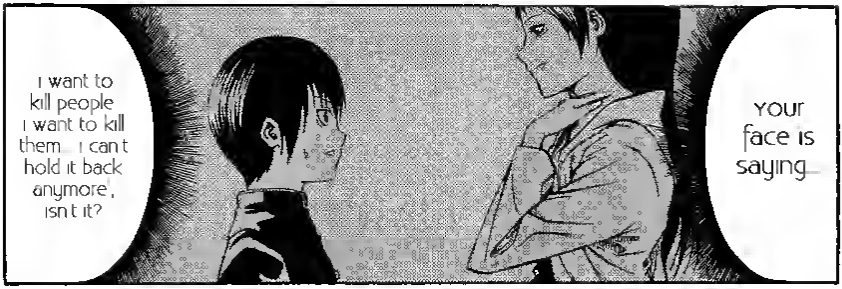
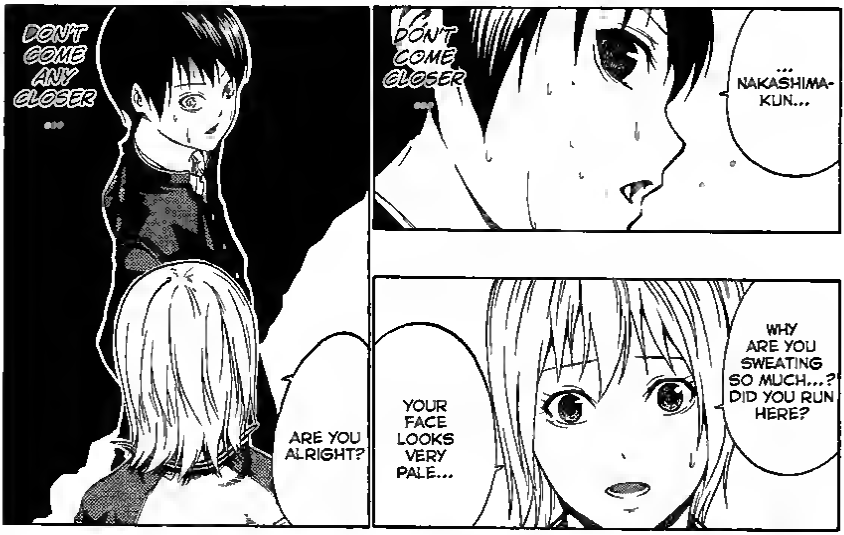
I ALWAYS RECOVER FAIRLY QUICKLY
ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN ACTING UP RECENTLY...


I want to kill people I want to kill them... I can't hold it back anymore, isn't it?
Your face is saying...

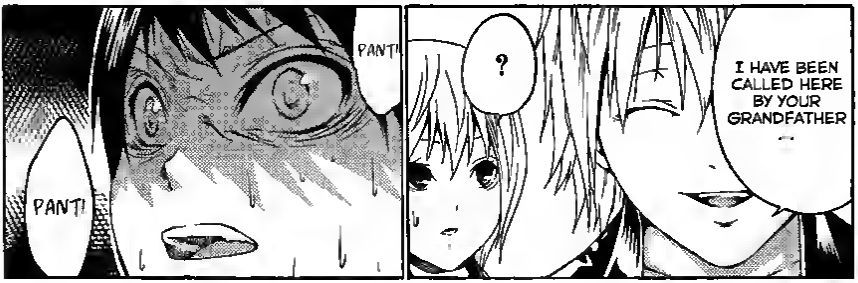
USING... THIS HAND?
TO KILL... USING THIS HAND...
KILL PEOPLE? I WANT TO...

OBINATA-KUN!
!!
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY HERE.
IF YOU DON'T TURN UP FOR THE MORNING PRACTICE, THE SENIORS WILL GET ANGRY.


DON'T COME ANY CLOSER...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
DON'T COME CLOSER...
...NAKASHIMA-KUN...
YOUR FACE LOOKS VERY PALE...
WHY ARE YOU SWEATING SO MUCH...? DID YOU RUN HERE?

DON'T...!

YOU'RE OBINATA NATSUKI, AM I RIGHT?


PANT!
PANT!
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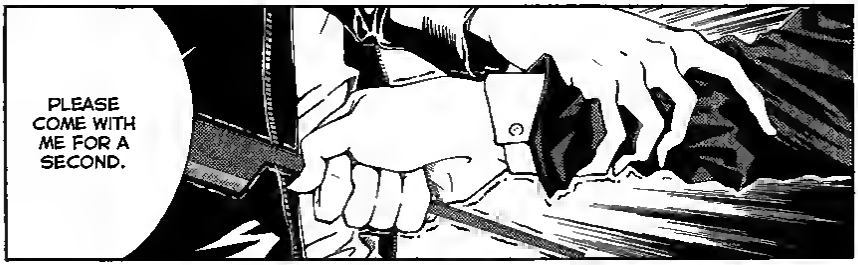
I HAVE BEEN CALLED HERE BY YOUR GRANDFATHER ...

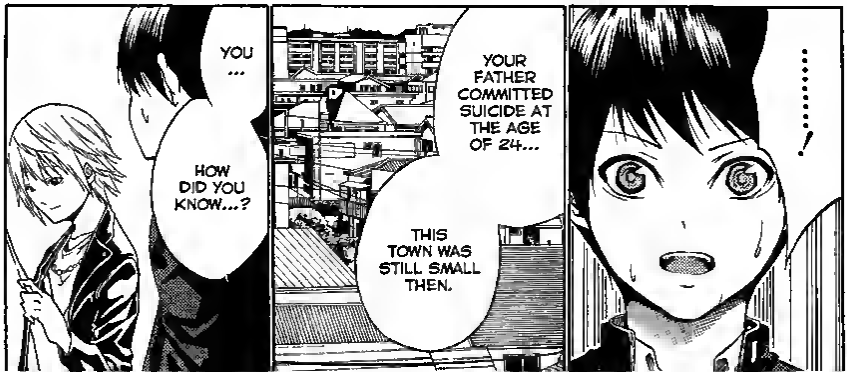

PLEASE COME WITH ME FOR A SECOND.

AH...
I'M SORRY ...
BUT MAY I ASK WHO YOU ARE?
YOU MUST FIRST GO THROUGH THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS BEFORE...
YOUR GRAND-FATHER IS A VERY INFLUENTIAL POLITICIAN, RIGHT...?
BIG SHOTS LIKE HIM OFTEN KEEP IN CONTACT WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE...
I TOLD YOU, YOUR GRAND-FATHER CALLED US HERE.
YOU... YOU GUYS ARE... JUST WHAT...
WEIRD PEOPLE LIKE US...
FOR EXAMPLE...

?
What is this?
?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME...?
...EH?
UH...
WHY AM I HERE?
...EH?
ALRIGHT,
THERE WON'T BE ANY DISTURBANCES HERE...

JUST WHAT...
ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO ME?

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SHAKE OFF THE THOUGHT OF KILLING SOMEONE...
AND YOU HAVE JUST RECENTLY HAD THE ACTUAL INTENTION TO KILL...
AM I RIGHT?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YOUR FATHER COMMITTED SUICIDE AT THE AGE OF 24...
THIS TOWN WAS STILL SMALL THEN.
YOU ...
HOW DID YOU KNOW...?

I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE INCANTATION WORKS.
YOUR FATHER WAS CURSED IN THE SAME WAY...
CAN I WAVE 'DADDY' AROUND AS MUCH AS I LIKE?
CAN I MAKE A HUGE RUCKUS?
Daddy?
PLEASE HOLD BACK IF YOU CAN. DON'T OVERDO IT, PLEASE...
CURSE?
CUR...
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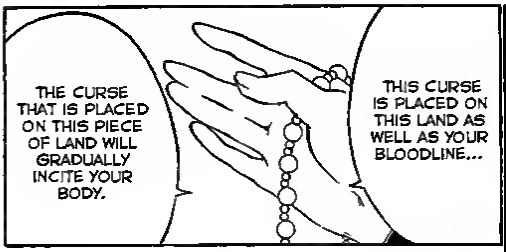
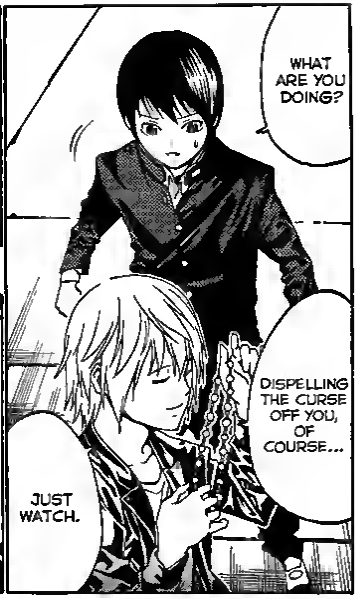
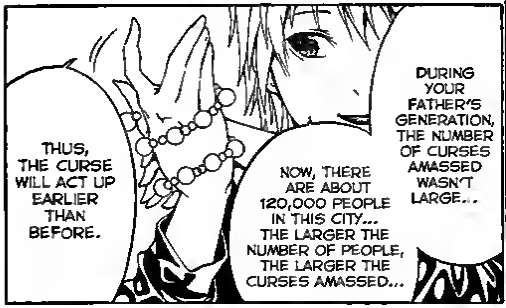
AYAME...


THIS CURSE IS PLACED ON THIS LAND AS WELL AS YOUR BLOODLINE...
THE CURSE THAT IS PLACED ON THIS PIECE OF LAND WILL GRADUALLY INCITE YOUR BODY.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DISPELLING THE CURSE OFF YOU, OF COURSE...
JUST WATCH.


DURING YOUR FATHER'S GENERATION, THE NUMBER OF CURSES AMASSED WASN'T LARGE...
NOW, THERE ARE ABOUT 120,000 PEOPLE IN THIS CITY... THE LARGER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, THE LARGER THE CURSES AMASSED...
THUS, THE CURSE WILL ACT UP EARLIER THAN BEFORE.

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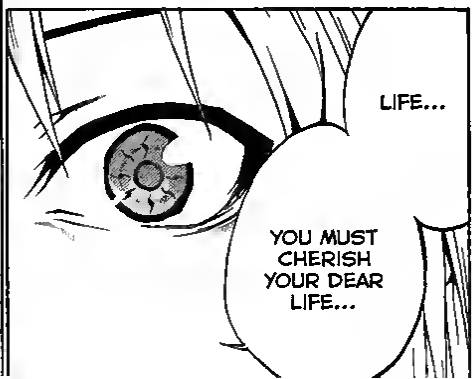
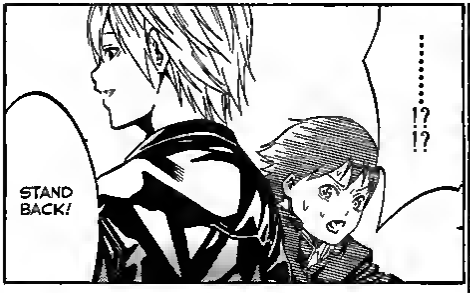
HOWEVER, WE CAN STILL MAKE IT IN TIME...
IF THIS KEEPS UP, THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL DIE...


LIFE...
YOU MUST CHERISH YOUR DEAR LIFE...


STAND BACK!
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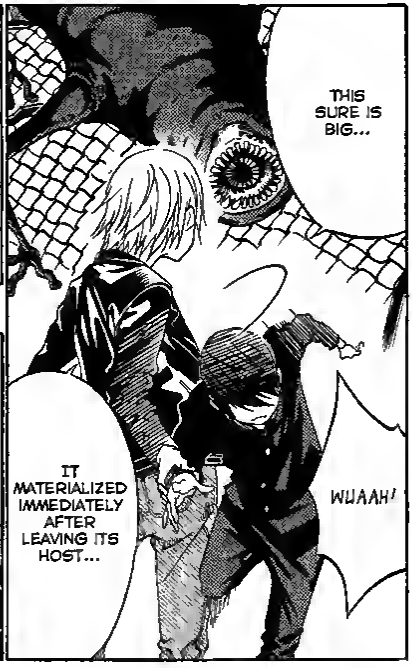
THIS SURE IS BIG...
WUAAH!
IT MATERIALIZED IMMEDIATELY AFTER LEAVING ITS HOST...

AYAME!

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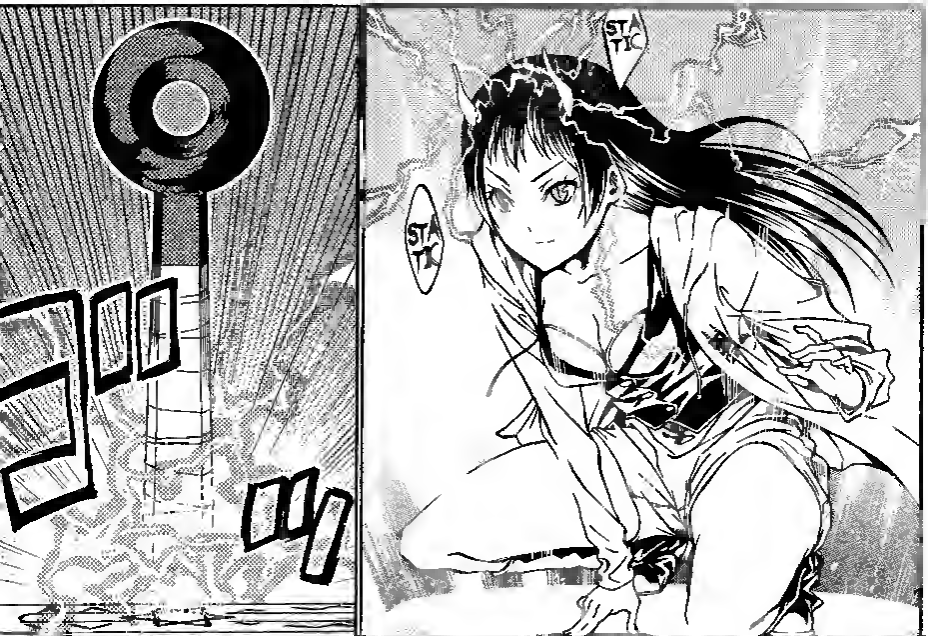
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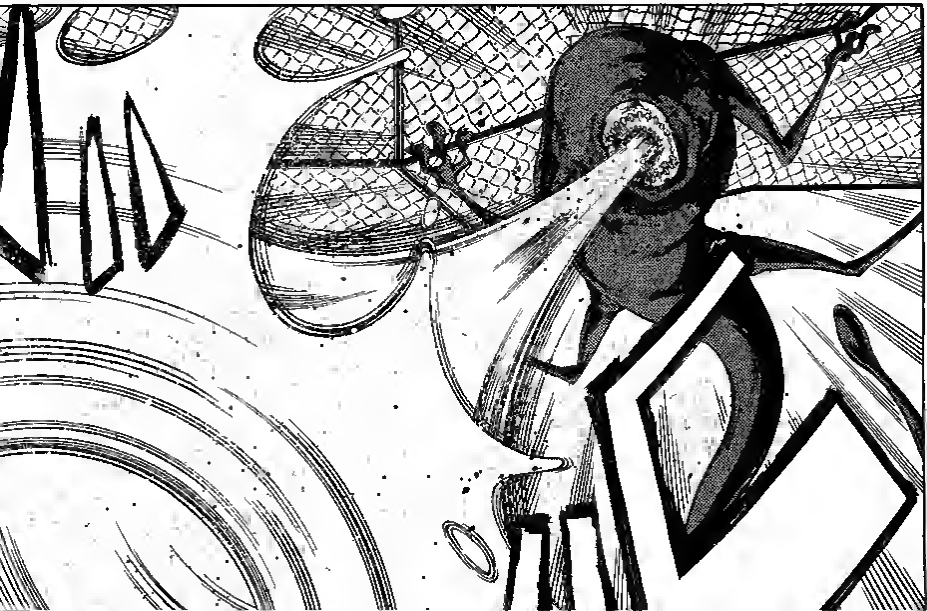

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男性の叫び声が聞こえた

OYA!
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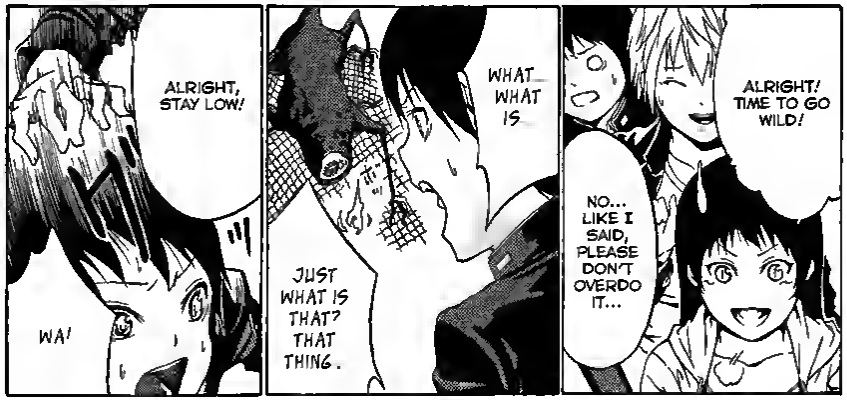
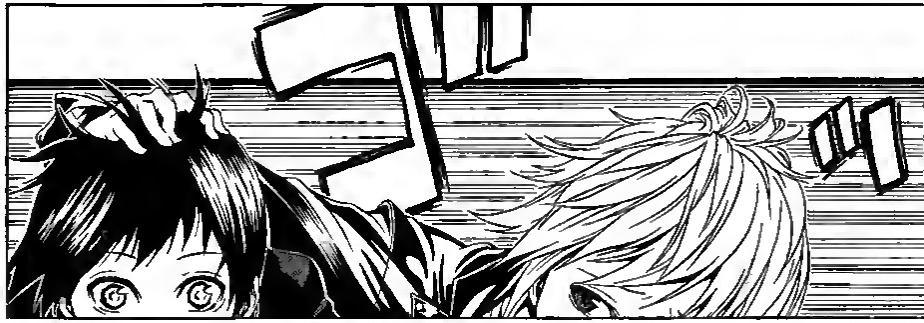

ALRIGHT, STAY LOW!
WA!
WHAT— WHAT IS
JUST WHAT IS THAT? THAT THING.
ALRIGHT! TIME TO GO WILD!
NO... LIKE I SAID, PLEASE DON'T OVERDO IT...



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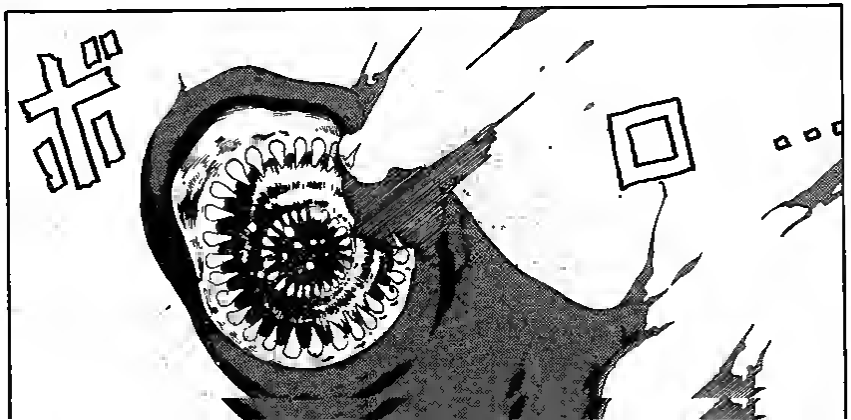
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING?
WHAT IS HAPPENING?
SEEING THINGS...?
AM I...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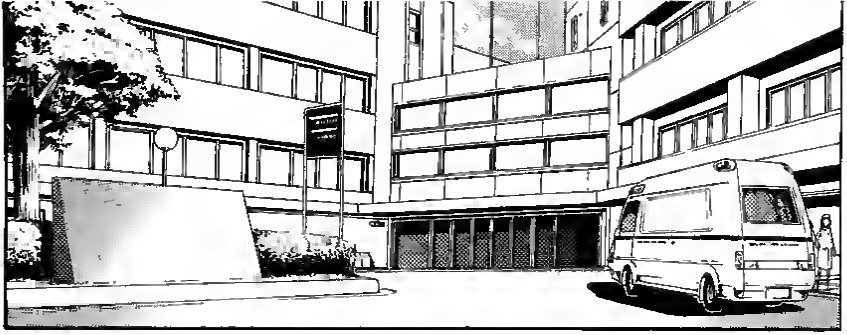
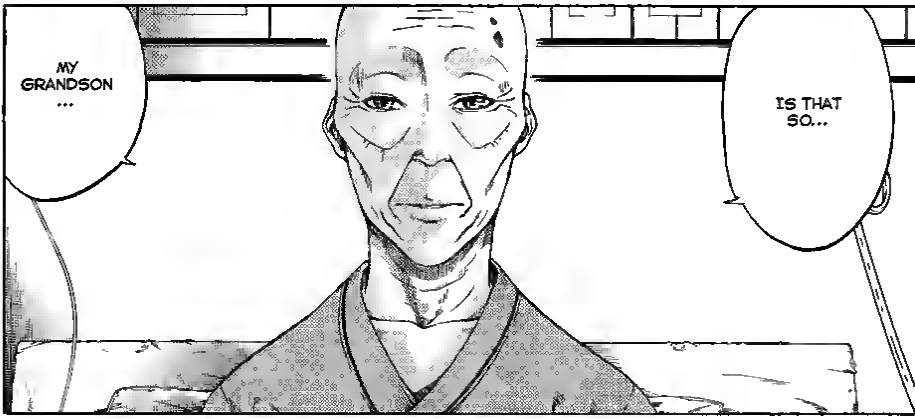
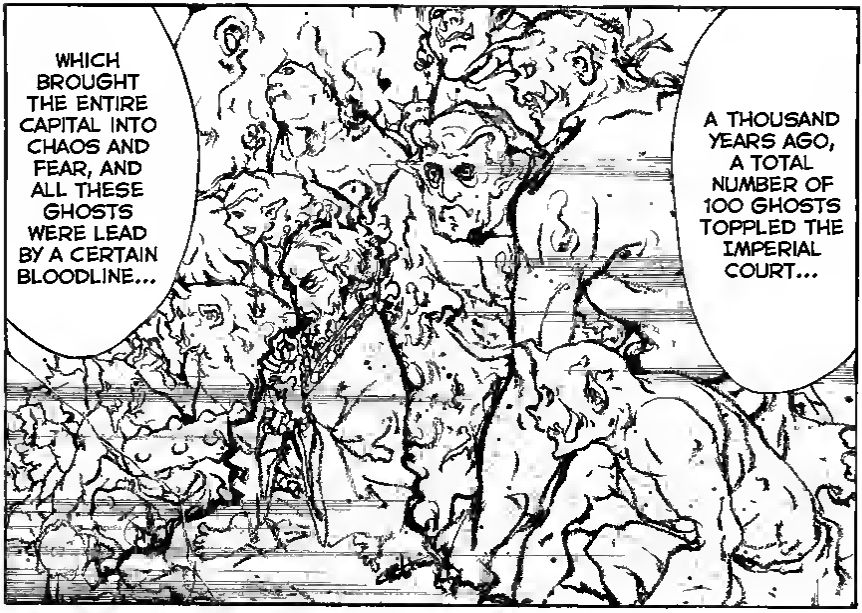
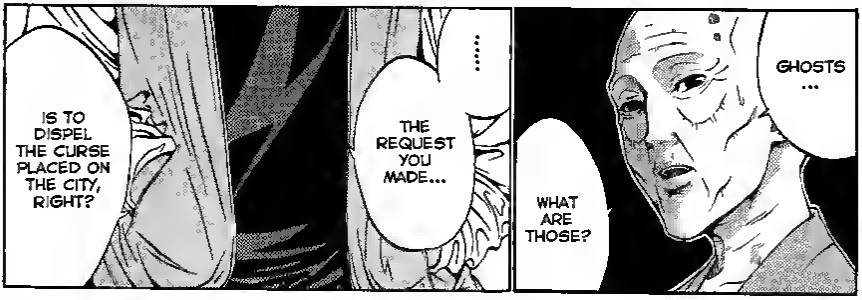


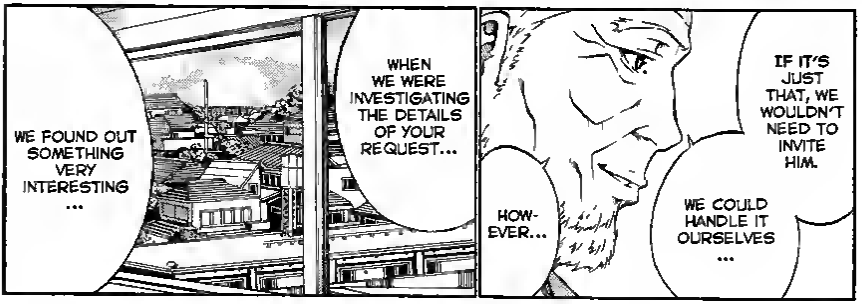

MY GRANDSON ...
IS THAT SO...

OH... THAT WAS WHEN YOU WERE A MINISTER, RIGHT?
THE ONE DOING THE RITUAL NOW IS HER SON.
THE NAME IS KUSHINATA... RIGHT...?
BUT, IF WE LEAVE IT TO HIM, IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT.
HER SON?
WHEN I ASKED HER TO DISPEL MY CURSE, SHE WAS ONLY A YOUNG GIRL OF 15 OR 16 YEARS OLD.
ALTHOUGH HE IS YOUNG, HE IS VERY TALENTED ...

A BOY BEING BORN WITH THAT 'POWER' IS ALREADY RARELY SEEN.
AND YET HE HAS A BOUNDLESS AMOUNT OF STRENGTH THAT NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE
THE PREVIOUS GENERATION PASSED AWAY A LONG TIME AGO,
HE WAS ONLY 6 YEARS OLD WHEN HE TOOK OVER HIS MOTHER'S JOB.
... IS THAT SO...
THE KUSHINATA FAMILY HAS ALWAYS HAD THE DAUGHTERS INHERIT THOSE ABILITIES...
.....
ISN'T HE A MEMBER OF THE ARMY BASE?
OUT-SIDER?
ALTHOUGH THE HIGHER-UPS WERE NEVER FOND OF RELYING ON OUTSIDERS ...
YES ...
ALTHOUGH IN THE OLDEN DAYS, HIS FAMILY WAS OUR BIGGEST ENEMY.

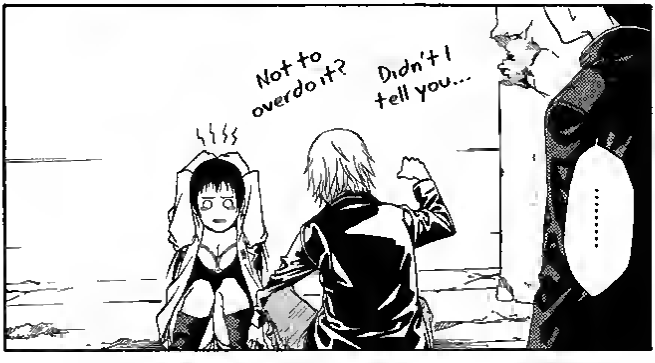

A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, A TOTAL NUMBER OF 100 GHOSTS TOPPLED THE IMPERIAL COURT...
WHICH BROUGHT THE ENTIRE CAPITAL INTO CHAOS AND FEAR, AND ALL THESE GHOSTS WERE LEAD BY A CERTAIN BLOODLINE...


GHOSTS ...
WHAT ARE THOSE?
.....
THE REQUEST YOU MADE...
IS TO DISPEL THE CURSE PLACED ON THE CITY, RIGHT?


IF IT'S JUST THAT, WE WOULDN'T NEED TO INVITE HIM.
WE COULD HANDLE IT OURSELVES ...
HOW-EVER...
WHEN WE WERE INVESTIGATING THE DETAILS OF YOUR REQUEST...
WE FOUND OUT SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING ...

EVER SINCE 500 YEARS AGO, ON THIS PIECE OF LAND...
THERE HAS BEEN A VERY STRONG GHOST LYING IN DEEP SLUMBER...
IF IT'S A CASE INVOLVING GHOSTS, WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL...
IT WOULD TAKE AN ARMY TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUEST...
.....
BECAUSE HIS FAMILY, SINCE GENERATIONS AGO, HAS ALWAYS BEEN...
HENCE, WE REQUIRE KUSHINATA'S STRENGTH ...

GHOST CREATORS.
A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO CREATE AND LEAD GHOSTS...


Not to overdo it?
Didn't I tell you...
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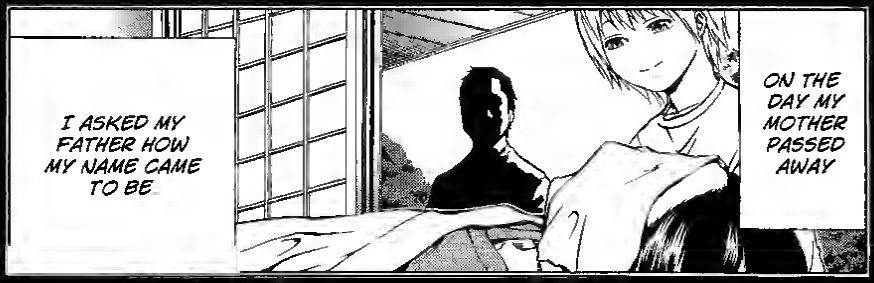
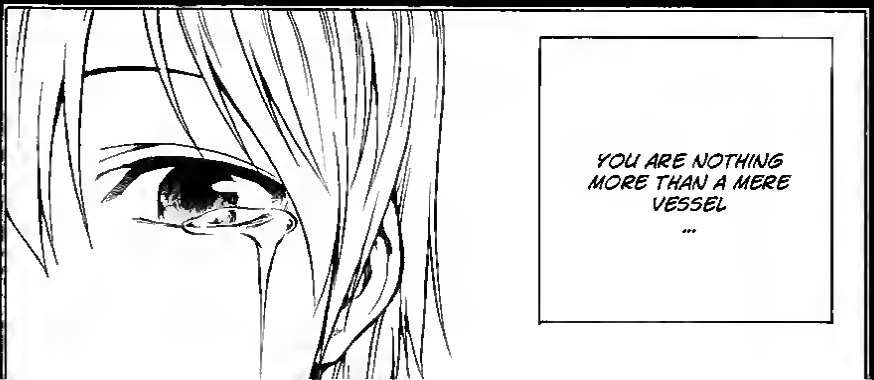

I ASKED MY FATHER HOW MY NAME CAME TO BE
ON THE DAY MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY

IT IS WHAT WE CALL THE "POWER" THAT YOU HAVE...
THAT ISN'T YOUR NAME ...
WITH A SMILE HE ANSWERED ...

"OROCHI" IS A NAME FOR THE "POWER" YOU HOLD...
THE SORROWFUL VOW OF JAPAN'S INCANTATIONS ..
THAT IS THE SORROWFUL VOW THAT THE KUSHINATA FAMILY CARRIES ...


YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A MERE VESSEL ...

SECOND CHAPTER

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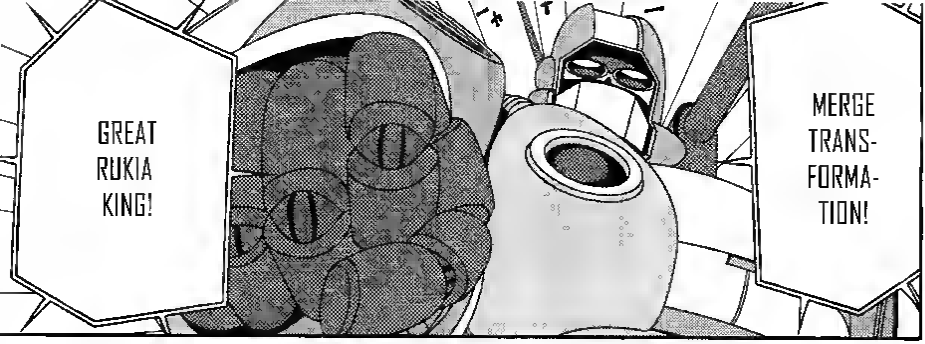
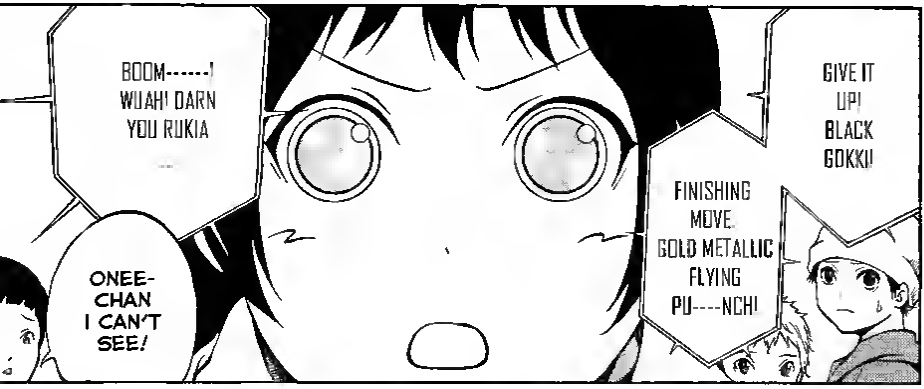

GREAT RUKIA KING!
MERGE TRANS-FORMA-TION!

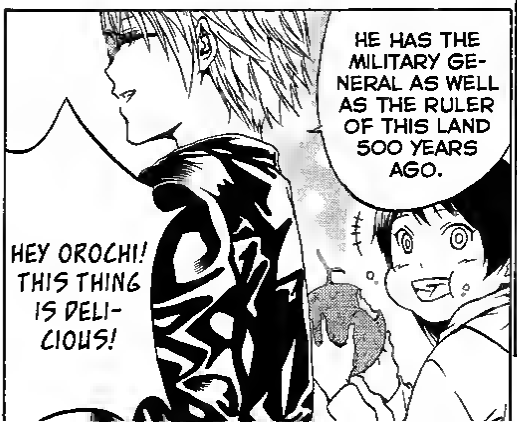

BOOM------! WUAH! DARN YOU RUKIA
ONEE-CHAN I CAN'T SEE!
FINISHING MOVE. GOLD METALLIC FLYING PU----NCH!
GIVE IT UP! BLACK GOKKI!

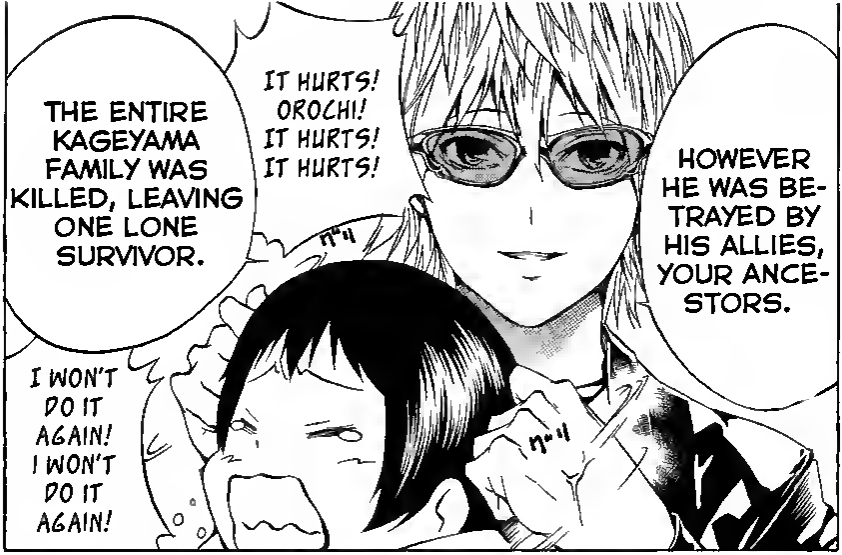
IS THAT SO ...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE ...
NO! NO! NO!
LET ME GO OROCHI! AYAME WANTS TO CONTINUE WATCHING!
OKAY, SORRY FOR THAT.

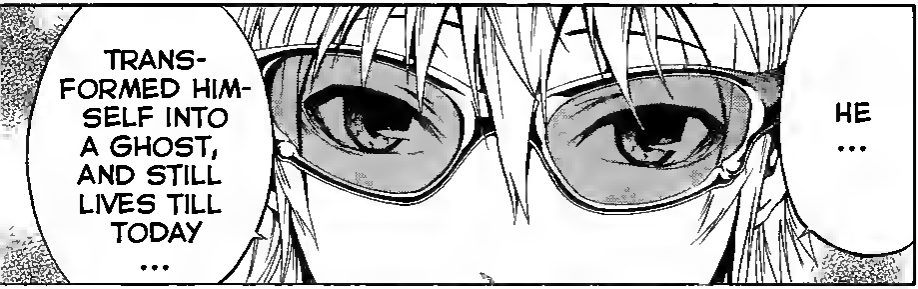
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU PEOPLE ...
AFTER MY SON PASSED AWAY, THIS GRANDSON OF MINE IS THE ONLY HEIR LEFT OF THE OBINATA CLAN.
IT'S NOTHING REALLY; IT WAS JUST A SMALL TASK;

KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU?
I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF THAT AS A MYTH.
KAGAYAMA MOROMITSU'S CURSE...

ARE YOU ALRIGHT NATSUKI ?
AH ... YES ...
BUT I'M NOT VERY AWARE OF THE SITUATION ...

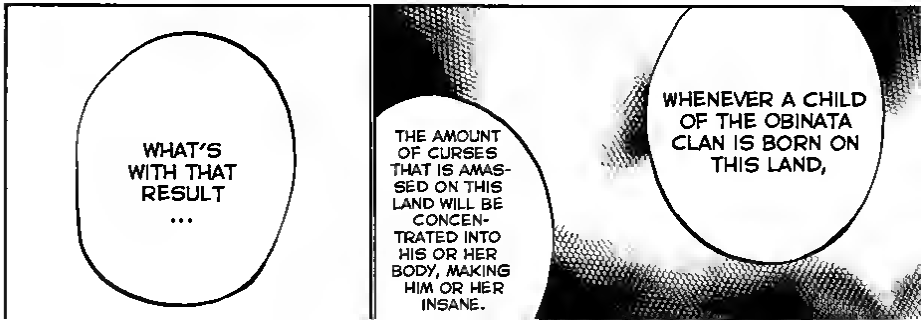

HEY OROCHI! THIS THING IS DELICIOUS!
HE HAS THE MILITARY GENERAL AS WELL AS THE RULER OF THIS LAND 500 YEARS AGO.


THE ENTIRE KAGEYAMA FAMILY WAS KILLED, LEAVING ONE LONE SURVIVOR.
IT HURTS! OROCHI! IT HURTS! IT HURTS!
HOWEVER HE WAS BETRAYED BY HIS ALLIES, YOUR ANCESTORS.
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN! I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!


TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO A GHOST, AND STILL LIVES TILL TODAY ...
HE ...

ALSO, TO DEVOUR CURSES AND ALLOW THEM TO GRADUALLY GROW ...
THAT IS MY FAMILY, THE KUSHINATA FAMILY'S "JOB", SINCE 3000 YEARS AGO.
THEY POSSESS A LARGE AMOUNT OF SPIRITUAL ENERGY NO MAN CAN HAVE...
AS LONG AS THEY DON'T FORGET THEIR RESENTMENT, THEY CAN CONTINUE LIVING...
GHOSTS ARE REALLY SCARY ...
FOR ...
500 YEARS ?

AT FIRST, THE LAND WAS SHARED PEACEFULLY AMONG THE ALLIES, BUT OBINATA WENT AGAINST THIS ARRANGEMENT AND LAUNCHED A NIGHT RAID.
THE CAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT SEEMED TO BE REGARDING THE RULING RIGHTS OF THIS LAND ...
.....
AND SOUGHT HELP FROM US, THE KUSHINATA ...
KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU MANAGED TO ESCAPE OUT OF THE COUNTRY,
BY USING MOROMITSU'S BODY AS A MEDIUM, A CURSE WAS PLACED ON THIS PIECE OF LAND AS WELL AS ON THE OBINATA CLAN.
THE KUSHINATA THEN WHO WERE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR PLACE IN THE COURT ACCEPTED HIS REQUEST ...
AS OBINATA DEDICATED PART OF THE GOLD THEY GAINED TO THE COURT,
WERE NONE OTHER THAN MY ANCESTORS.
THE ONES WHO HELPED KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU CURSE YOUR FAMILY ...


WHAT'S WITH THAT RESULT ...
THE AMOUNT OF CURSES THAT IS AMASSED ON THIS LAND WILL BE CONCENTRATED INTO HIS OR HER BODY, MAKING HIM OR HER INSANE.
WHENEVER A CHILD OF THE OBINATA CLAN IS BORN ON THIS LAND,

THOSE WHO SURVIVED THREW AWAY THIS PIECE OF LAND AND ESCAPED...
THE RELATIVES OF THE OBINATA FAMILY BEGAN KILLING ONE ANOTHER ...

AND THERE WEREN'T ANY PEOPLE LIVING HERE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
AND THUS THIS PLACE WAS PROCLAIMED CURSED...

YES,
HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THE INCANTATION HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED FOR NOW, IF WE DON'T REMOVE THE INCANTATION FROM ITS CORE, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO FULLY DISPEL IT.
AS YOU'RE NOT BORN ON THIS LAND, YOU WERE NOT AFFECTED ...
BUT THE CURSE WAS ACTIVATED ON YOUR SON AS WELL AS YOUR GRANDSON.
AND STARTED A CITY ON MY HOMELAND, BRINGING RESIDENTS BACK AGAIN.
HOWEVER, AS THE HIGHWAY PASSES BY THIS AREA, I COLLABORATED WITH A LOT OF COMPANIES,

THE SOULS OF THOSE WITH THE OBINATA CLAN THAT DIE BY THE CURSE WILL ACT AS A REAGENT THAT ENHANCES THE STRENGTH OF THE CURSE ...
AND WILL BE TURNED INTO FOOD FOR MOROMITSU, WHO LIES SOMEWHERE WITHIN THIS CITY.
DESTROY THE CITY?
WHY WOULD IT...
GHOSTS THAT GATHER ENOUGH AMOUNTS OF CURSES ...
WILL THEN AWAKEN WITH THE GOAL OF DESTROYING THE CITY IN MIND...
ONCE THE GHOSTS AWAKEN AND START WRECKING HAVOC, IT WILL BE EASY TO KILL THOUSANDS OR EVEN MILLIONS.
EVENTUALLY, THIS LAND WILL BECOME A NEST OF HATRED AND RESENT-MENT...
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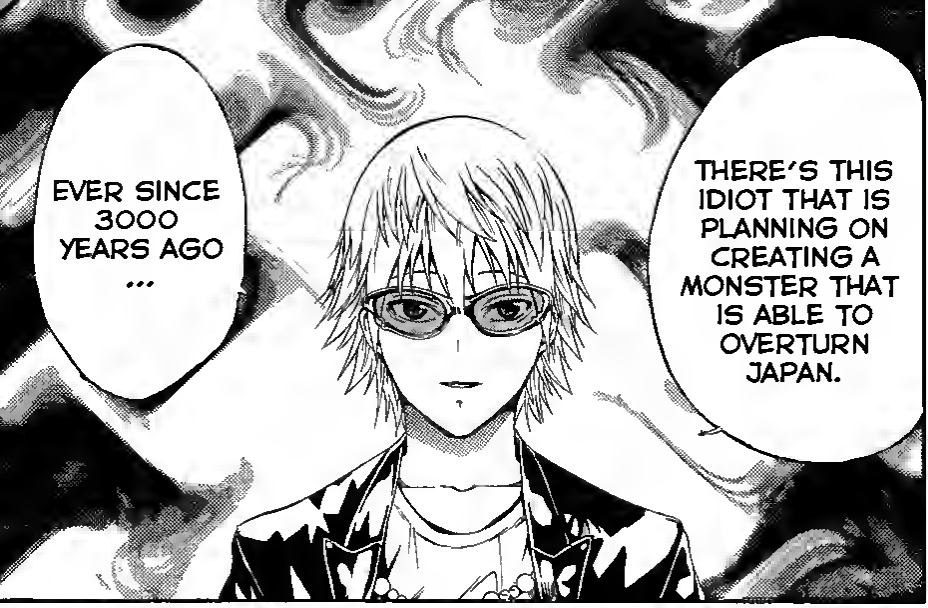
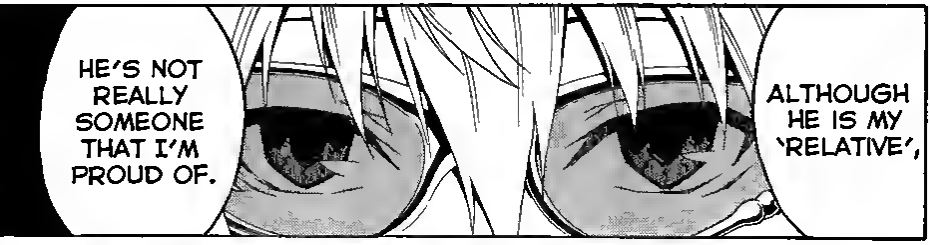
... IN OTHER WORDS ...
ALSO, IF THE AMOUNT OF CURSES CONTINUES TO INCREASE, THEY WILL THEN BE CONCEN-TRATED IN A SINGLE GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION.


EVER SINCE 3000 YEARS AGO ...
THERE'S THIS IDIOT THAT IS PLANNING ON CREATING A MONSTER THAT IS ABLE TO OVERTURN JAPAN.


HE'S NOT REALLY SOMEONE THAT I'M PROUD OF.
ALTHOUGH HE IS MY 'RELATIVE',

THEN, I WILL BE EXCUSING MYSELF ...
WUAA-AAH! OROCHI!
THIS THING IS BITING MY HAND!
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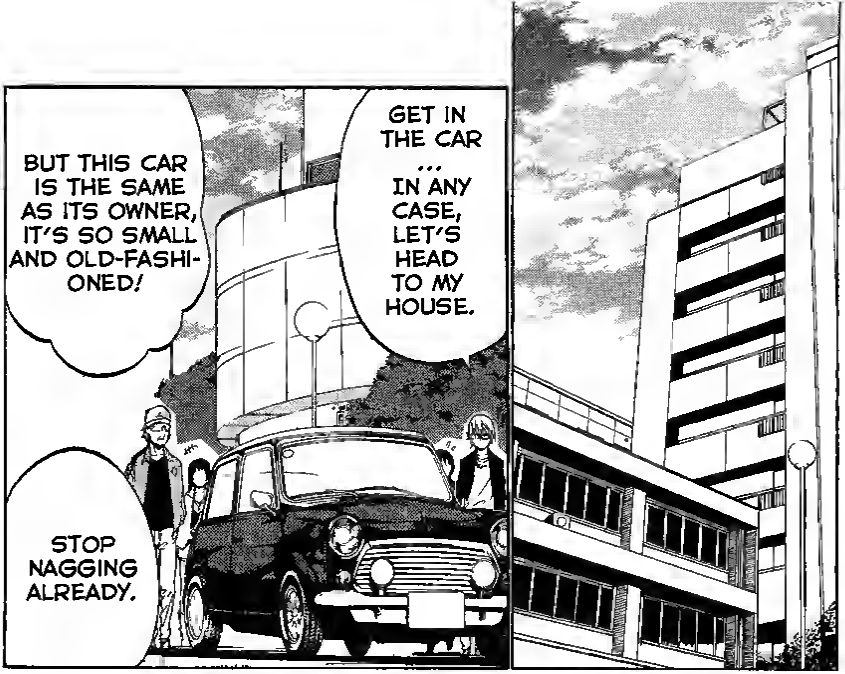
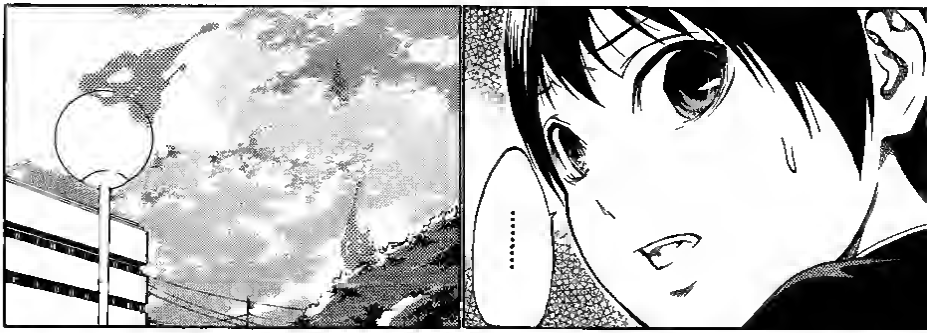

GET IN THE CAR ... IN ANY CASE, LET'S HEAD TO MY HOUSE.
BUT THIS CAR IS THE SAME AS ITS OWNER, IT'S SO SMALL AND OLD-FASHIONED!
STOP NAGGING ALREADY.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OH ...
LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN REALLY SEE THEM ...
EH?

THIS SITUATION OFTEN HAPPENS AFTER DISPELLING A CURSE,
YOUR SENSES WILL BE SHARPENED, AND WILL OFTEN SEE THINGS THAT YOU'RE NOT USUALLY ABLE TO SEE NORMALLY.
THAT... WHAT IS THAT?
COULD THEY BE SPIRITS ...?
NOT QUITE ...
EH?
FROM WHEN YOU'RE BORN, JUST LIKE THAT, YOU HAVE THOSE THINGS DISSOLVING INTO YOUR BODY.
IF THIS CONTINUES, THE CURSE WILL JUST START TO AMASS AGAIN.
WEAR THIS ...
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THAT IS THE SOURCE OF RESENTMENT FOR CURSES ...
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE THE SOLIDIFICATION OF HUMANS' EVIL INTENTIONS THAT ARE DISSIPATED AWAY FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES.

THERE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE STRENGTHENING THE INCANTATION...
HEY...
IS THE SITUATION REALLY THAT DANGEROUS?
INDEED, THIS SITUATION ISN'T NORMAL ...
THIS IS JUST A HUNCH...
JUDGING BY THE CONCENTRATION OF CURSES AND RESENTMENT ...
IF YOU WERE TO DIE HERE, THE GHOST WILL PROBABLY BE AWAKENED.
THESE BEADS WILL PROTECT YOU TO A CERTAIN EXTENT ...
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I SEE ...
KUSHINATA ...
DAMN THAT ARMY BASE... THEY HAVE FINALLY ENTRUSTED THIS TO OROCHI...
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THAT OBI-NATA'S SOUL WILL BE TRANSFERRED HERE ...
IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF INTERFERENCE...
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OBINATA'S CLAN WILL SOON EXTI-GUISHED.
DON'T BE ANXIOUS, MOROMITSU.

AS THE DEATH GOD'S DISPO-SITION ...
WHEN THAT TIME COMES, YOU WILL ONCE AGAIN CLAIM THIS LAND.

GUAHAHA-HAHAHA!

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THE CITY IS SUCH AN AWESOME PLACE♡ ---!
I HEARD THAT YOU ARE PEOPLE FROM THE COURT...
SUCH YOUNG SERVICEMEN INDEED.
SO-SORRY, FOR US TO INTRUDE SO SUDDENLY ...
WHAT IS THIS? IS THIS WINE?
AYAME LIKES THIS VERY MUCH!
PLEASE, DON'T BE SO COURTEOUS,
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO OFFER ANYWAY.
SO IS THAT WHAT YOU REALLY THINK?
I'M JUST ANOTHER OF THOSE PRIESTS WHO INHERIT THE NAME OF MY ANCESTORS.
JUST AS YOU CAN SEE, SHE ISN'T VERY BRIGHT...
NONSENSE!
I CAN AT LEAST DO ADDITIONS!
LITTLE AYAME SEEMS TO BE CAUSING A LOT TROUBLE.
LITTLE!?
I'M AT LEAST A THOUSAND YEARS OLDER THAN YOU!

ARE YOU THE BAD GUY IN AN ANIME?
ENOUGH! AYAME IS ANGRY!
MOTHER! BRING IN THE WINE! I'M GOING TO DRINK TILL I DROP THIS TIME!
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH ONE OF THOSE BOTTLES COSTS?

What's 13 + 66?
SUCH INTERES-TING PEOPLE.
REALLY ?
Urgh two-digit numbers are a little bit

USUALLY IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US; WE WERE STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE LONELY.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, NATSUKI?
AH... YOU'RE RIGHT.

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.
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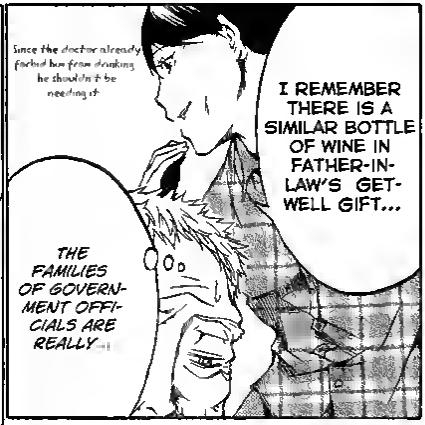
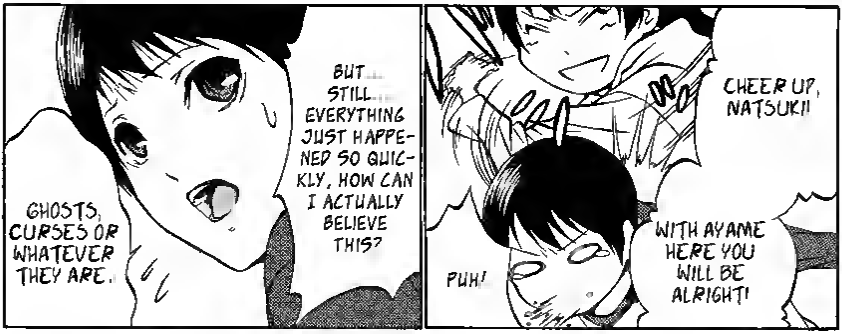
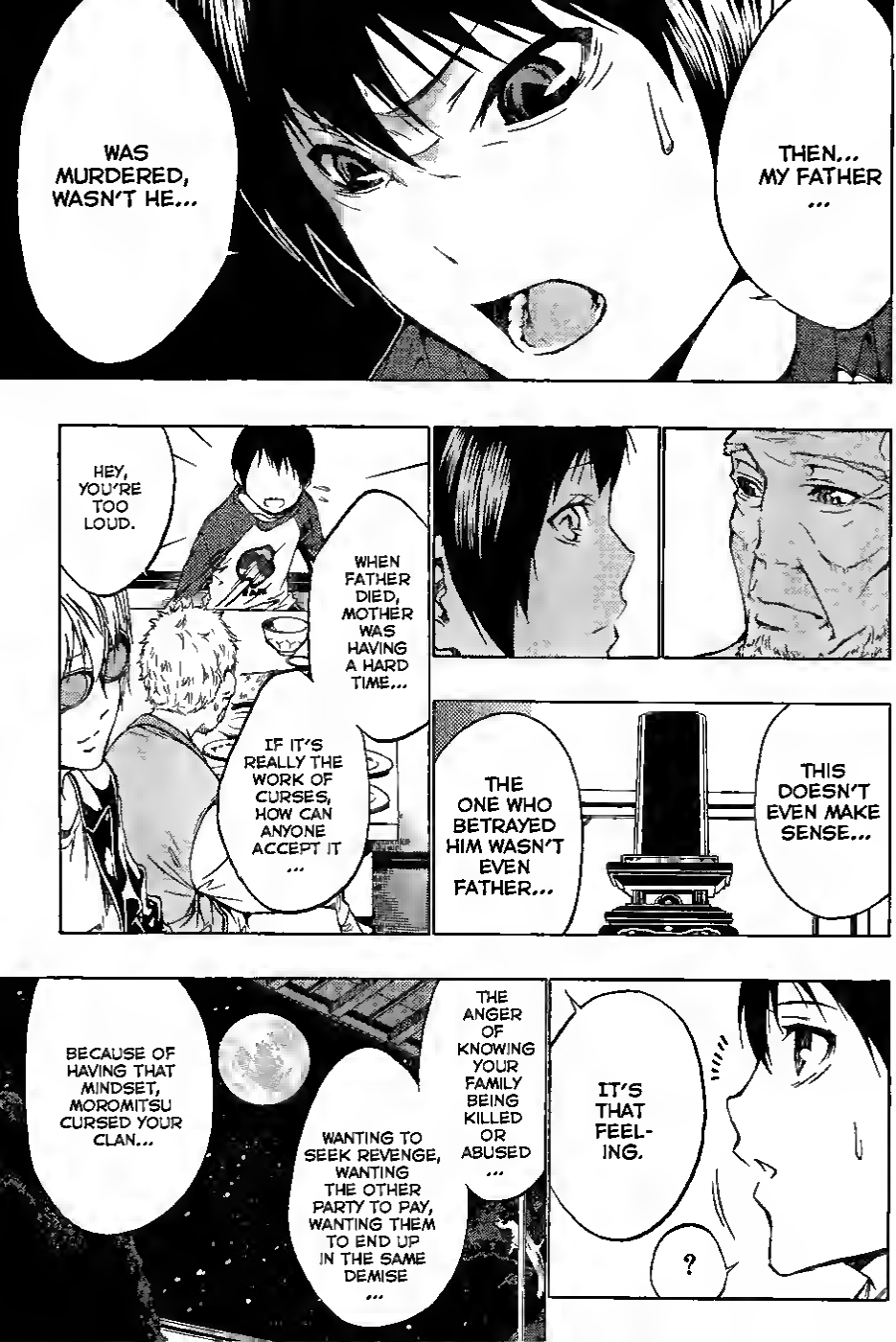

Since the doctor already forbid him from drinking he shouldn't be needing it
I REMEMBER THERE IS A SIMILAR BOTTLE OF WINE IN FATHER-IN-LAW'S GET-WELL GIFT...
THE FAMILIES OF GOVERN-MENT OFFI-CIALS ARE REALLY—!

BUT I STILL CAN'T FULLY UNDER-STAND...
EVEN THOUGH GRANDPA TOLD ME NOT TO TELL MOTHER,
JUST WHAT HAPPEN-ED THIS MORNING ...
CRISIS WILL ALWAYS HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT.
I UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL.
HAAAA-AAA....

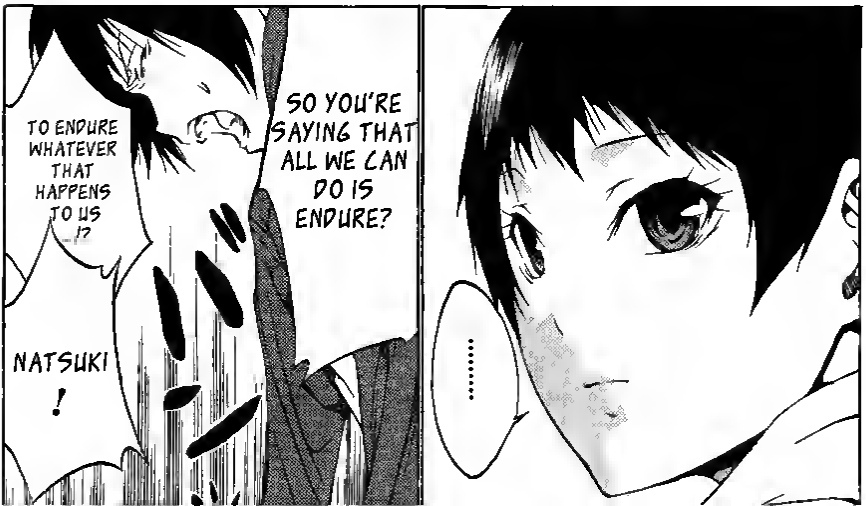

GHOSTS, CURSES OR WHATEVER THEY ARE.
BUT... STILL... EVERYTHING JUST HAPPE-NED SO QUIC-KLY, HOW CAN I ACTUALLY BELIEVE THIS?
CHEER UP, NATSUKI!
WITH AYAME HERE YOU WILL BE ALRIGHT!
PUH!

IF THEY ARE REALLY REAL.
IF THEY ARE ALL REAL.


WAS MURDERED, WASN'T HE...
THEN... MY FATHER ...
HEY, YOU'RE TOO LOUD.
WHEN FATHER DIED, MOTHER WAS HAVING A HARD TIME...
IF IT'S REALLY THE WORK OF CURSES, HOW CAN ANYONE ACCEPT IT ...
THE ONE WHO BETRAYED HIM WASN'T EVEN FATHER...
THIS DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE...
BECAUSE OF HAVING THAT MINDSET, MOROMITSU CURSED YOUR CLAN...
WANTING TO SEEK REVENGE, WANTING THE OTHER PARTY TO PAY, WANTING THEM TO END UP IN THE SAME DEMISE ...
THE ANGER OF KNOWING YOUR FAMILY BEING KILLED OR ABUSED ...
IT'S THAT FEEL-ING.
?

BUT THAT DIDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING...
HENCE THIS LASTED FOR 500 YEARS...

THERE MUST BE SOMEONE TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT.
TO SWALLOW THE RESENTMENT AND TO THE CURSE...


TO ENDURE WHATEVER THAT HAPPENS TO US !?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT ALL WE CAN DO IS ENDURE?
NATSUKI !
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NO... NOTHING...
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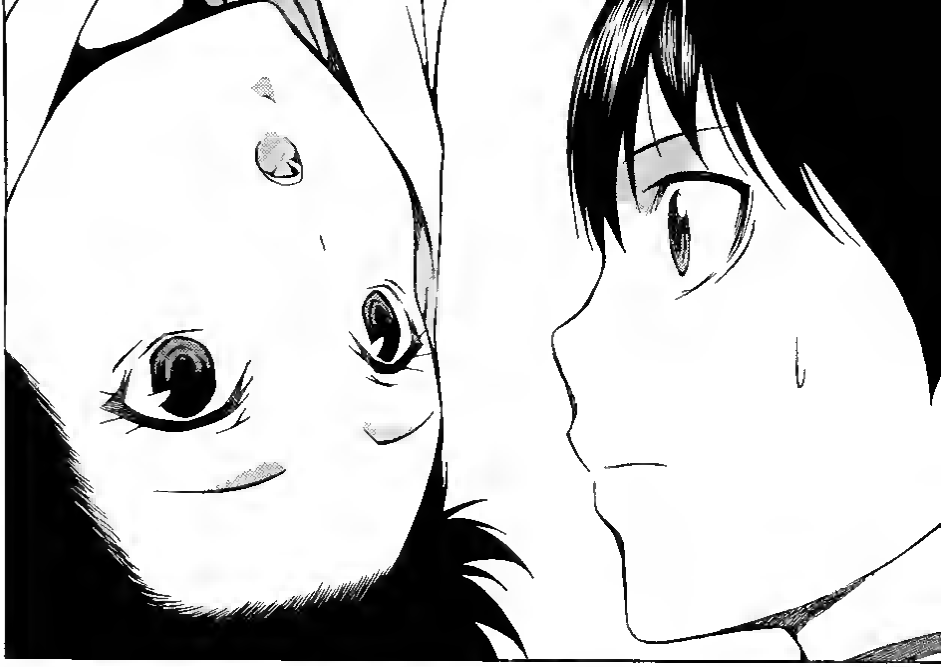
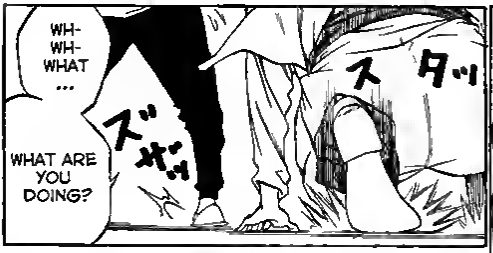
WHAT'S WITH THE LOUD VOICE...
WHAT HAPPENED?
AH!
NATSUKI!
MY PREACHING WAS A BIT OVERBOARD,
ANY HUMAN BEING WILL BE ANGRY AFTER WHAT I JUST SAID.
I'M SORRY,
IT'S ALRIGHT, IT WAS MY FAULT ANYWAY.
JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT KID...
AH...
IF THEY ARE HUMAN, THAT IS...

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
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WUAH!
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NATSUKI! YOUR MOTHER BROUGHT THE BOTTLE OF WINE!
LET'S HAVE A DRINK!
NO, I'M STILL NOT AT THE LEGAL AGE...

ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO MY FATHER...
AS I WAS JUST A BABY AT THAT TIME.
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LET ME... HAVE SOME TIME ALONE ...
KNOWING THAT YOUR FATHER WAS MURDERED ...
YOU JUST CAN'T SIMPLY ACCEPT IT, CAN YOU?
NEVER-MIND!
SO--- UGLY.
AN UGLY DOG.
YOU REALLY ARE...
BUT I'M STILL UNWILLING TO ACCEPT THAT MY FATHER WAS MURDERED ...
AND AYAME'S VILLAGE WAS BURNT TO DUST...
A LARGE NUMBER OF THE HEAVENLY TROOPS CAME...
?
AYAME'S FATHER ...
REVOLTED AGAINST THE HEAVENLY KING...

FATHER'S BODY WAS CUT INTO SEVERAL HUNDRED OF PIECES...
AND WAS SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE LAND.
MY FATHER LOVED DOGS, LOVED HORSES ...
HE LOVED MOUNTAINS AND STREAMS ...
HE ALSO LOVED THE AYAME THAT MY MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO...
.....
AYAME REALLY HATES THE HEAVENLY KING...
I TURNED MYSELF INTO A VENGEFUL GHOST, AND ATTACKED TOKYO,
WHEN ONE OF MY ARMS WAS CUT OFF, I RESENTED HIM EVEN MORE...
NATSUKI'S FEELINGS ...
AYAME REALLY UNDERSTAND.
BECAUSE EVEN TILL NOW, I'M STILL UNWILLING TO ACCEPT IT AND SHED TEARS...

HOWEVER, EVEN IF I CONTINUE TO RESENT FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS...
NOTHING GOOD WILL EVER HAPPEN...

SO THE MORE UNWILLING YOU ARE, THE MORE YOU HAVE TO FIND HAPPINESS!
YOU MUST MAKE THE ONE WHO CURSED YOU REGRET IT, AND YOU HAVE TO REGRET THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THIS!

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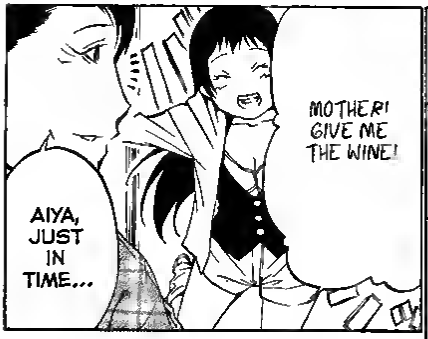
MOTHER! GIVE ME THE WINE!
AIYA, JUST IN TIME...

NO... LIKE I SAID, I'M UNDER-AGED...
SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO BE FULL OF REGRETS, LET'S DROWN THEM ALL WITH A DRINK!
LET'S GO!

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WHAT'S WRONG?

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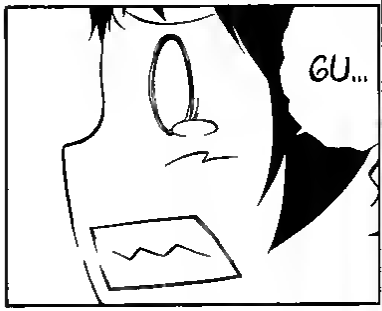
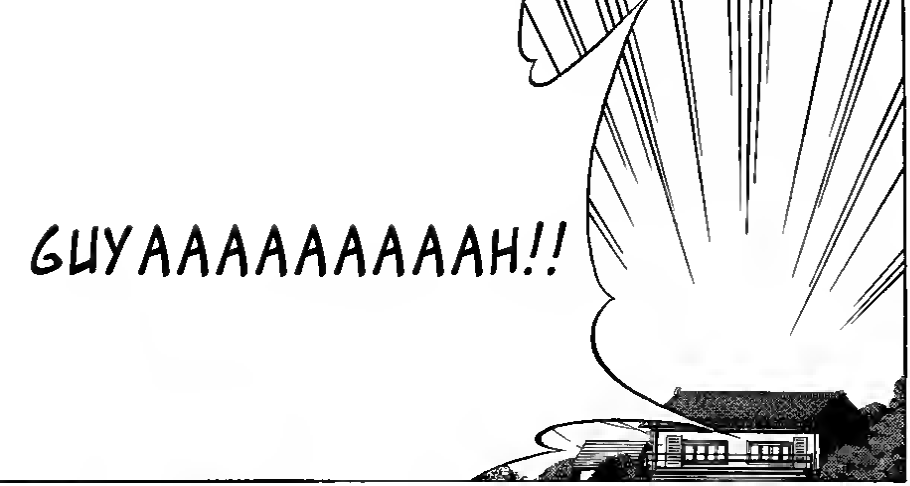

GU...

I JUST COOKED SOME PEAS...
IF YOU DON'T MIND YOU CAN EAT SOME...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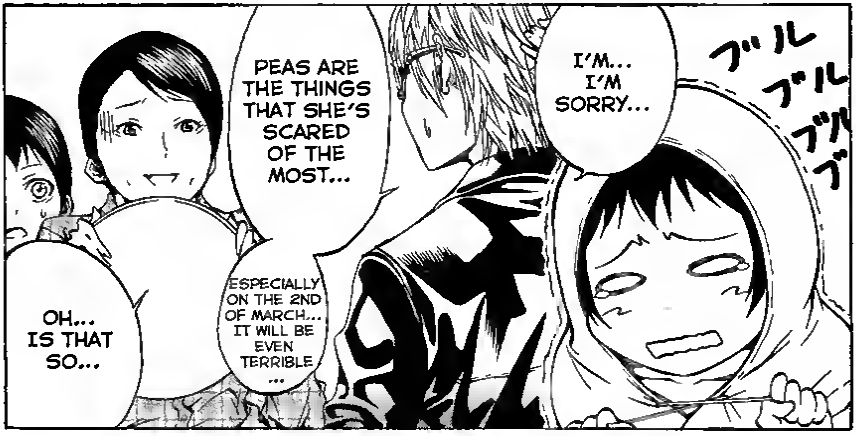
I'M... I'M SORRY...
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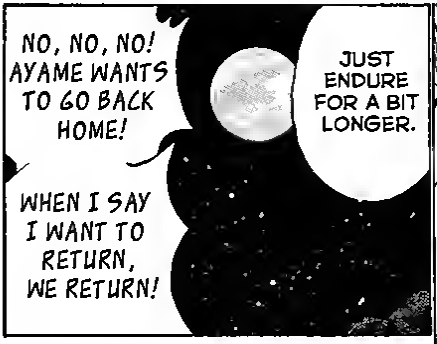
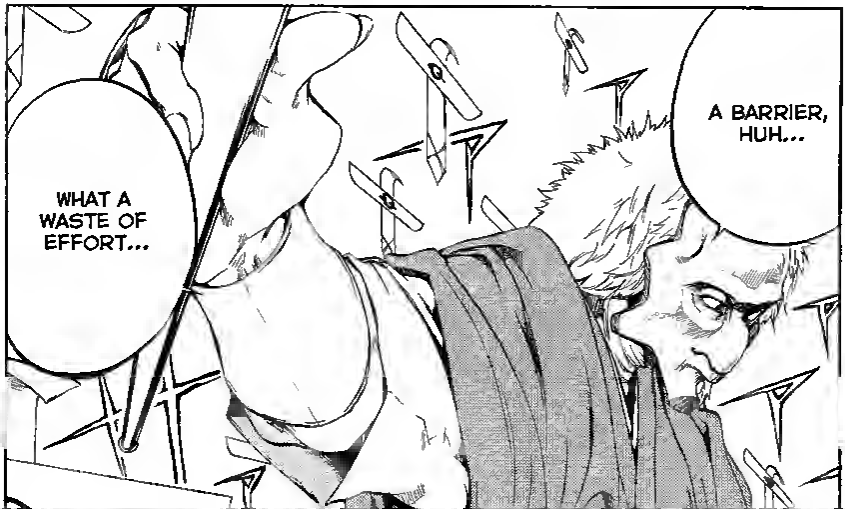
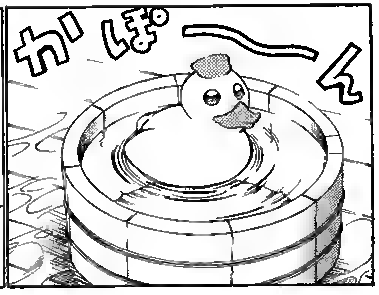
PEAS ARE THE THINGS THAT SHE'S SCARED OF THE MOST...
ESPECIALLY ON THE 2ND OF MARCH... IT WILL BE EVEN TERRIBLE...
OH... IS THAT SO...


NO, NO, NO! AYAME WANTS TO GO BACK HOME!
JUST ENDURE FOR A BIT LONGER.
WHEN I SAY I WANT TO RETURN, WE RETURN!

OROCHI! THE CITY IS JUST TOO SCARY!
NO MATTER WHAT CO-LORS THEY ARE, YOU REALLY CAN'T STAND THEM, HUH...
SUCH GREEN PEAS, I HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM!


A BARRIER, HUH...
WHAT A WASTE OF EFFORT...

Panties are so panties~
Ghosts~
So strong~ So powerful~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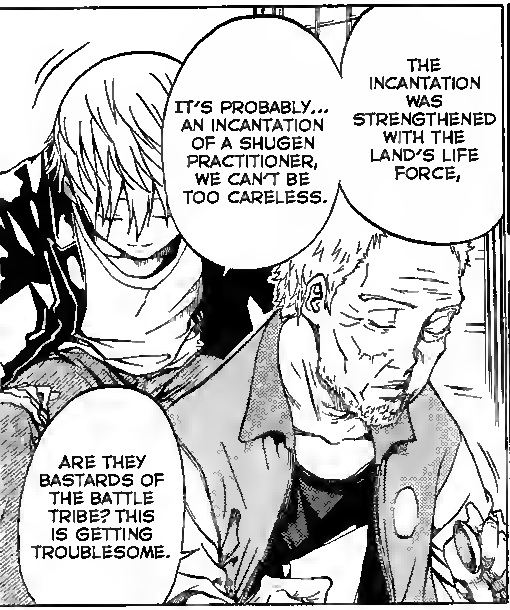
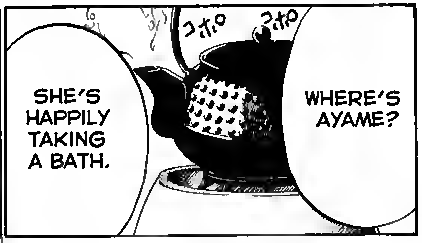
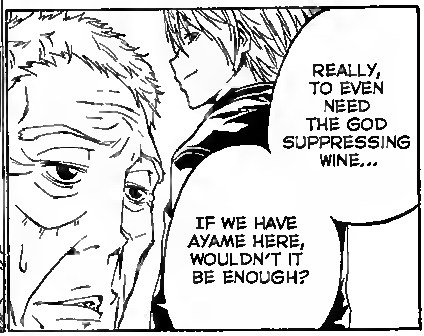
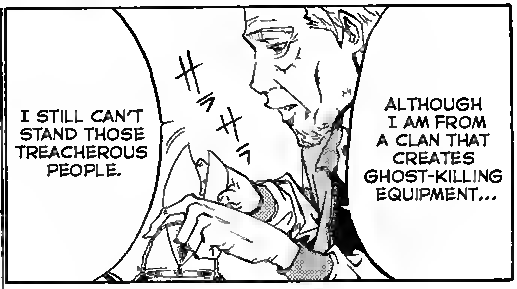

THE INCANTATION WAS STRENGTHENED WITH THE LAND'S LIFE FORCE,
IT'S PROBABLY... AN INCANTATION OF A SHUGEN PRACTITIONER, WE CAN'T BE TOO CARELESS.
ARE THEY BASTARDS OF THE BATTLE TRIBE? THIS IS GETTING TROUBLESOME.


WHERE'S AYAME?
SHE'S HAPPILY TAKING A BATH.


REALLY, TO EVEN NEED THE GOD SUPPRESSING WINE...
IF WE HAVE AYAME HERE, WOULDN'T IT BE ENOUGH?

I MUST SAY THOUGH, OROCHI...


I STILL CAN'T STAND THOSE TREACHEROUS PEOPLE.
ALTHOUGH I AM FROM A CLAN THAT CREATES GHOST-KILLING EQUIPMENT...

YOU ARE STILL YOUNG...
YOU HAVE NO NEED TO BET ON YOUR LIFE HERE...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST CLEAN UP THE MESS YOUR FATHER MADE WHEN HE BETRAYED THE ARMY BASE?
THIS TOPIC...
I THOUGHT WE MADE A PROMISE NOT TO BRING IT UP?
I BELIEVE THE PREVIOUS GENERATIONS WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO DIE HERE...
.....
I'M SAYING THIS BECAUSE I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
BECAUSE YOUR STRENGTH HAS ALREADY BEEN LEFT A PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF YOUR CLAN.
THEN... I SHOULDN'T NEED A SUPERVISOR ANYMORE, DO I?
HURRY UP AND RETIRE THEN...
I WILL MAKE SURE I LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND SHOW YOU...

AIYA,
DO YOU STILL WANT ME TO BRING MORE WINE?
I was just about to bring some over to Ayame
That's Ayame though She's drinking so much
NO, IT'S ALREADY ENOUGH...
ALTHOUGH YOU CAN CALL THIS WINE...
IT'S ACTUALLY MORE SIMILAR TO A DRUG...
A DRUG THAT WILL 'SUPPRESS' MY STRENGTH WHEN I DRINK IT...
?
INHERITING A FAMILY'S JOB ISN'T A SIMPLE TASK.
YES...
YOU'RE A PRIEST AFTER ALL.
KUSHINATA-SAN,
WHAT ABOUT YOUR PARENTS?
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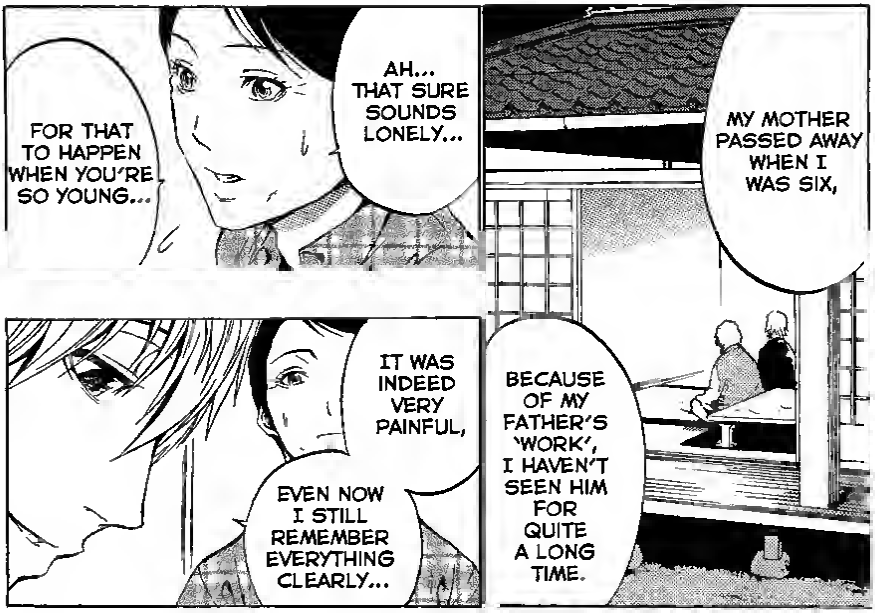
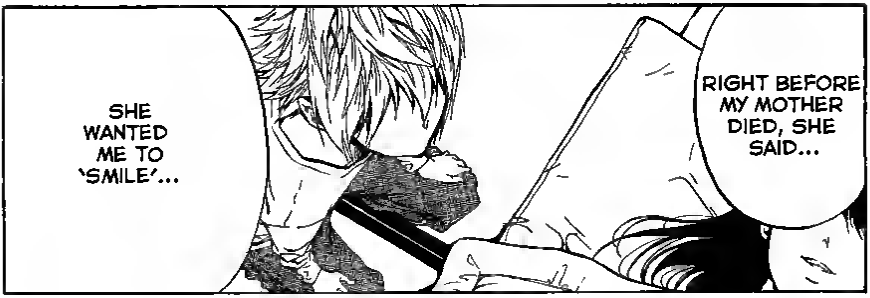
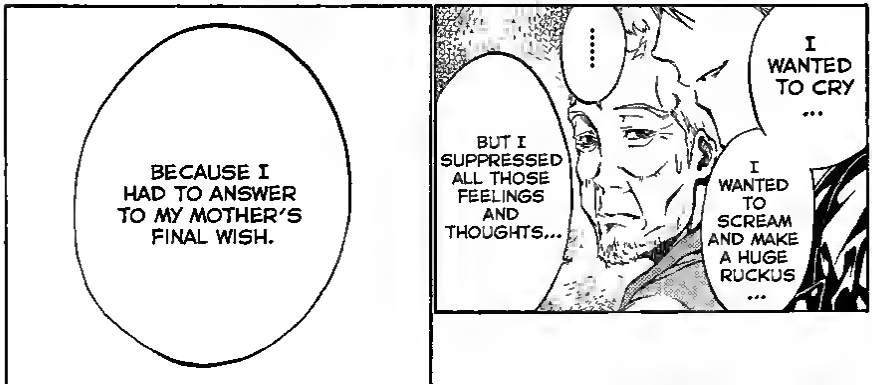

AH... THAT SURE SOUNDS LONELY...
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE SO YOUNG...
MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY WHEN I WAS SIX,
BECAUSE OF MY FATHER'S 'WORK', I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR QUITE A LONG TIME.
IT WAS INDEED VERY PAINFUL,
EVEN NOW I STILL REMEMBER EVERYTHING CLEARLY...


RIGHT BEFORE MY MOTHER DIED, SHE SAID...
SHE WANTED ME TO 'SMILE'...


I WANTED TO CRY ...
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I WANTED TO SCREAM AND MAKE A HUGE RUCKUS ...
BUT I SUPPRESSED ALL THOSE FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS...
BECAUSE I HAD TO ANSWER TO MY MOTHER'S FINAL WISH.

AND AFTER THAT...
THIS SMILE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ON MY FACE...
MY MOTHER GAVE BIRTH TO ME WHEN SHE WAS 17,
HENCE WHEN SHE DIED, SHE WAS ONLY 23 YEARS OLD...
SHE MUST STILL HAVE HAD SOME DREAMS OR PLACES SHE WANTED TO GO TO...
.....
I OFTEN THINK OF IT THIS WAY...
MOTHER MUST HAVE ALWAYS RESENTED ME...
NON-SENSE!
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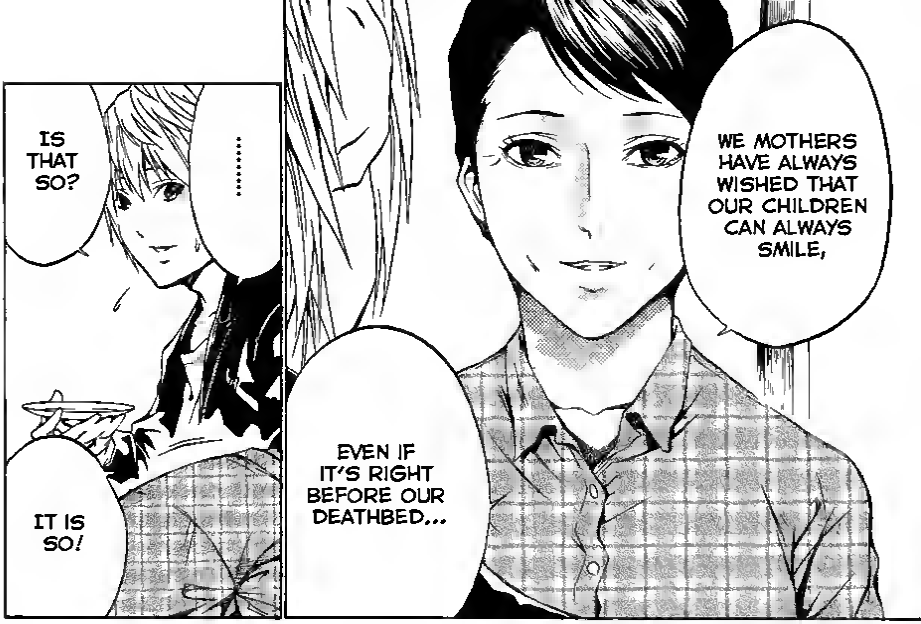
WE MOTHERS HAVE ALWAYS WISHED THAT OUR CHILDREN CAN ALWAYS SMILE,
EVEN IF IT'S RIGHT BEFORE OUR DEATHBED...
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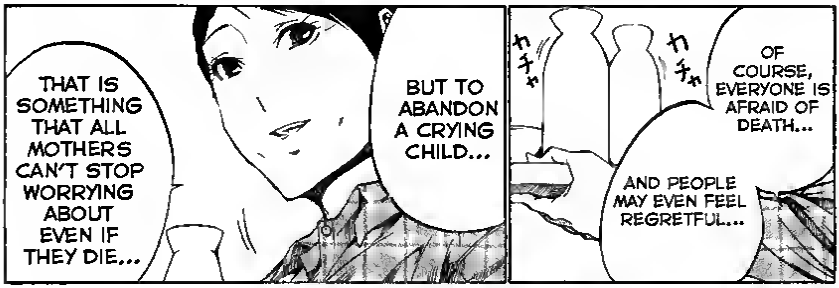
IS THAT SO?
IT IS SO!


OF COURSE, EVERYONE IS AFRAID OF DEATH...
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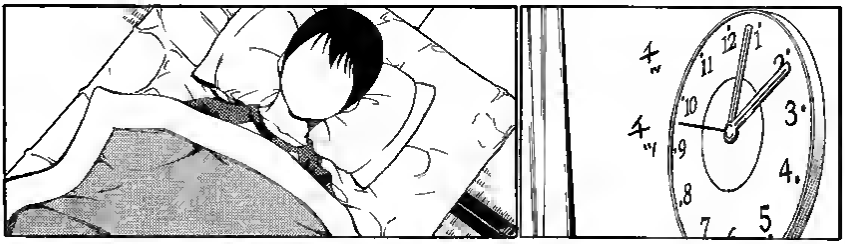
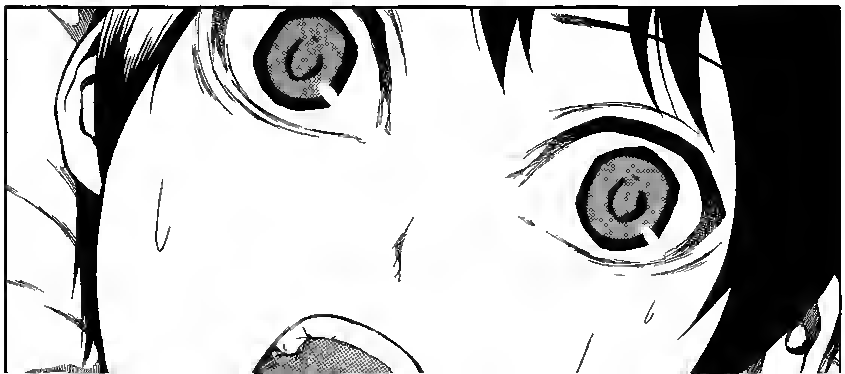
AND PEOPLE MAY EVEN FEEL REGRETFUL...
BUT TO ABANDON A CRYING CHILD...
THAT IS SOMETHING THAT ALL MOTHERS CAN'T STOP WORRYING ABOUT EVEN IF THEY DIE...

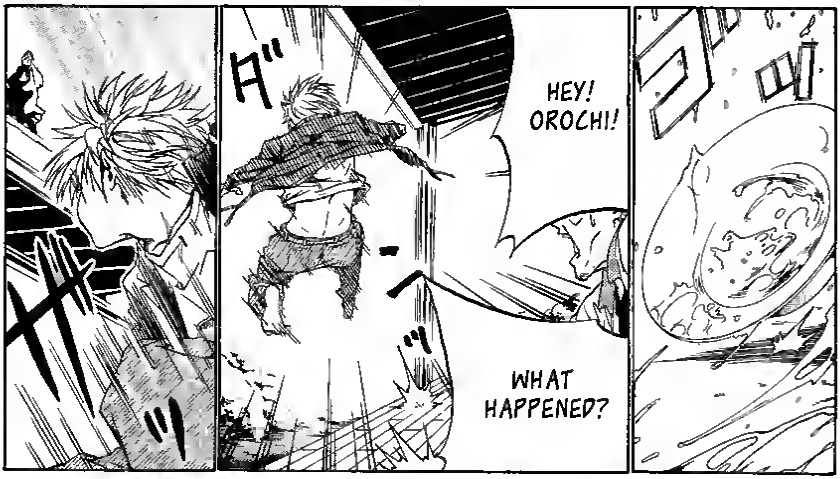
THIS SURE IS RARE...
FOR YOU TO TALK ABOUT YOUR MOTHER...
STOP IT ALREADY.

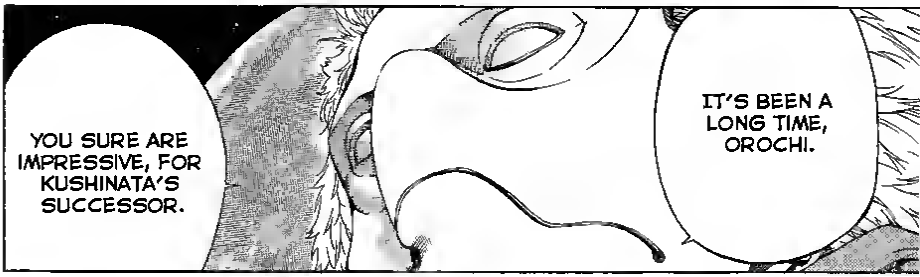
IT SEEMS THAT...
I'M A LITTLE DRUNK...



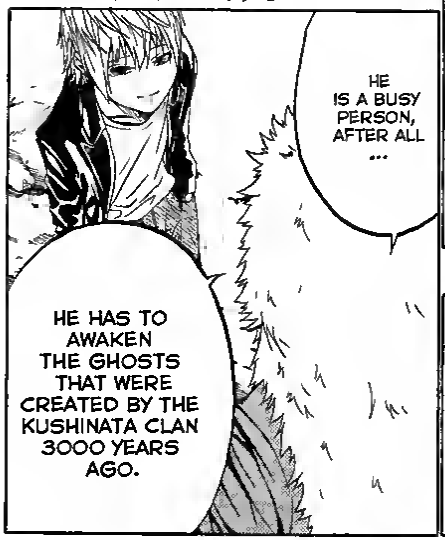
NEITHER MY FATHER NOR MOTHER WILL GET REPAID...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I RESENT...
THERE'S NO POINT IN RESENTING SOMEONE...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
NOTHING GOOD WILL EVER HAPPEN...
HOWEVER, EVEN IF I CONTINUE TO RESENT FOR THESE THOUSAND YEARS...

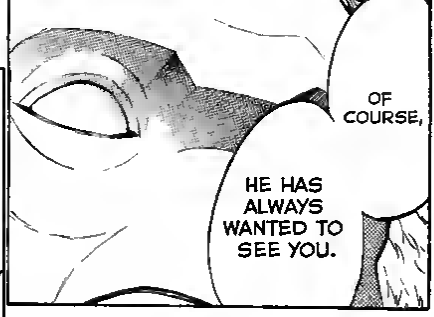



HEY! OROCHI!
WHAT HAPPENED?

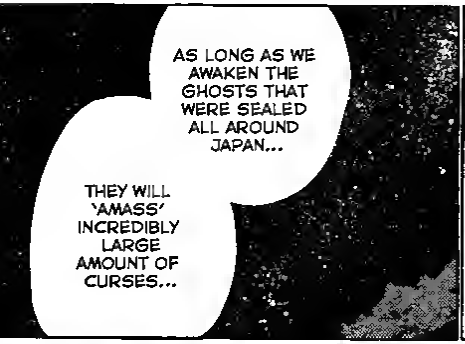

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, OROCHI.
YOU SURE ARE IMPRESSIVE, FOR KUSHINATA'S SUCCESSOR.

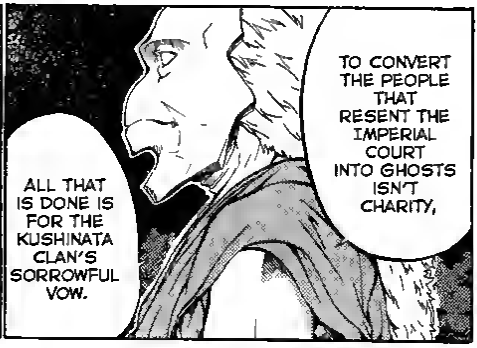
SO IT'S YOU AFTER ALL, CROW...
IS MY FATHER DOING FINE?


HE IS A BUSY PERSON, AFTER ALL ...
HE HAS TO AWAKEN THE GHOSTS THAT WERE CREATED BY THE KUSHINATA CLAN 3000 YEARS AGO.


OF COURSE,
HE HAS ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE YOU.

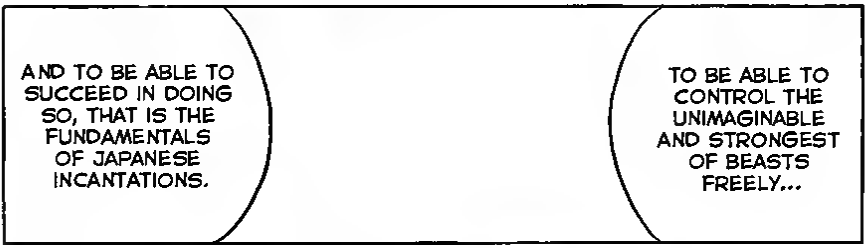
BUT HE STILL NEVER CAME TO SEE ME,
AND INSTEAD, HE SENDS UNDERLINGS LIKE YOU TO TAKE HIS PLACE.


AS LONG AS WE AWAKEN THE GHOSTS THAT WERE SEALED ALL AROUND JAPAN...
THEY WILL 'AMASS' INCREDIBLY LARGE AMOUNT OF CURSES...

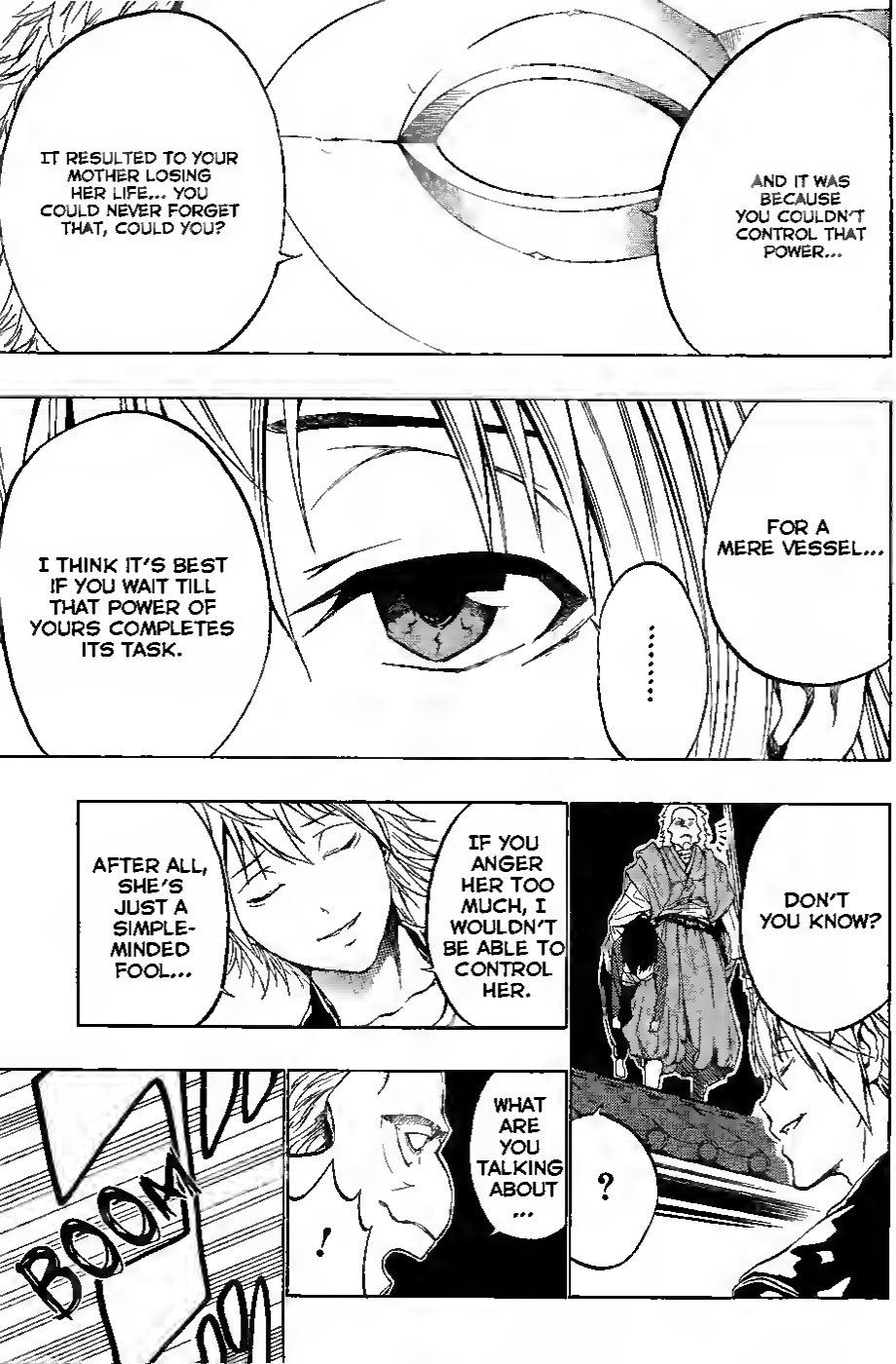

TO CONVERT THE PEOPLE THAT RESENT THE IMPERIAL COURT INTO GHOSTS ISN'T CHARITY,
ALL THAT IS DONE IS FOR THE KUSHINATA CLAN'S SORROWFUL VOW.

AND EVENTUALLY, ALL OF THE CURSES...
WILL BE CONCENTRATED IN ONE AREA...

AND THAT IS THE THING THAT LAY ASLEEP WITHIN YOUR BODY...
INTO THE EIGHT DIVERGENT OROCHI'S BODY...


TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE UNIMAGINABLE AND STRONGEST OF BEASTS FREELY...
AND TO BE ABLE TO SUCCEED IN DOING SO, THAT IS THE FUNDAMENTALS OF JAPANESE INCANTATIONS.

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN ALL THAT,
CAN YOU RELEASE THAT CHILD?
IF YOU DON'T, I WILL JUST HAVE TO TAKE HIM BACK BY FORCE ...
HOHOHO... I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T...
YOUR POWER CAN EASILY GO BERSERK...


IT RESULTED TO YOUR MOTHER LOSING HER LIFE... YOU COULD NEVER FORGET THAT, COULD YOU?
AND IT WAS BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T CONTROL THAT POWER...
I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU WAIT TILL THAT POWER OF YOURS COMPLETES ITS TASK.
.....
FOR A MERE VESSEL...
AFTER ALL, SHE'S JUST A SIMPLE-MINDED FOOL...
IF YOU ANGER HER TOO MUCH, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL HER.
DON'T YOU KNOW?
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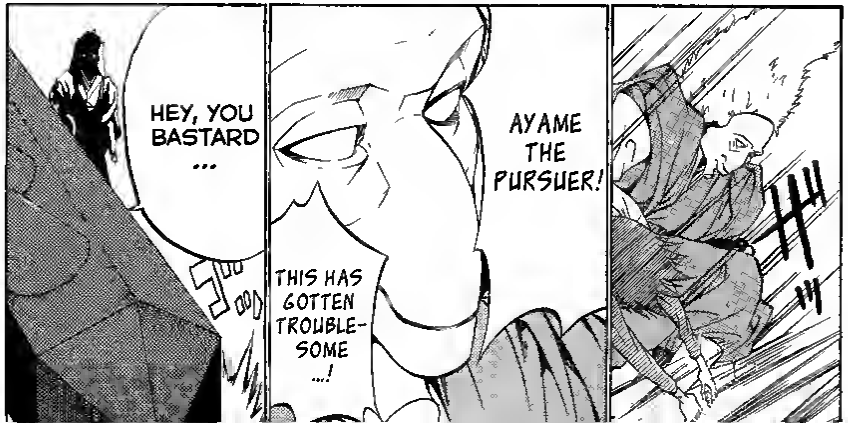
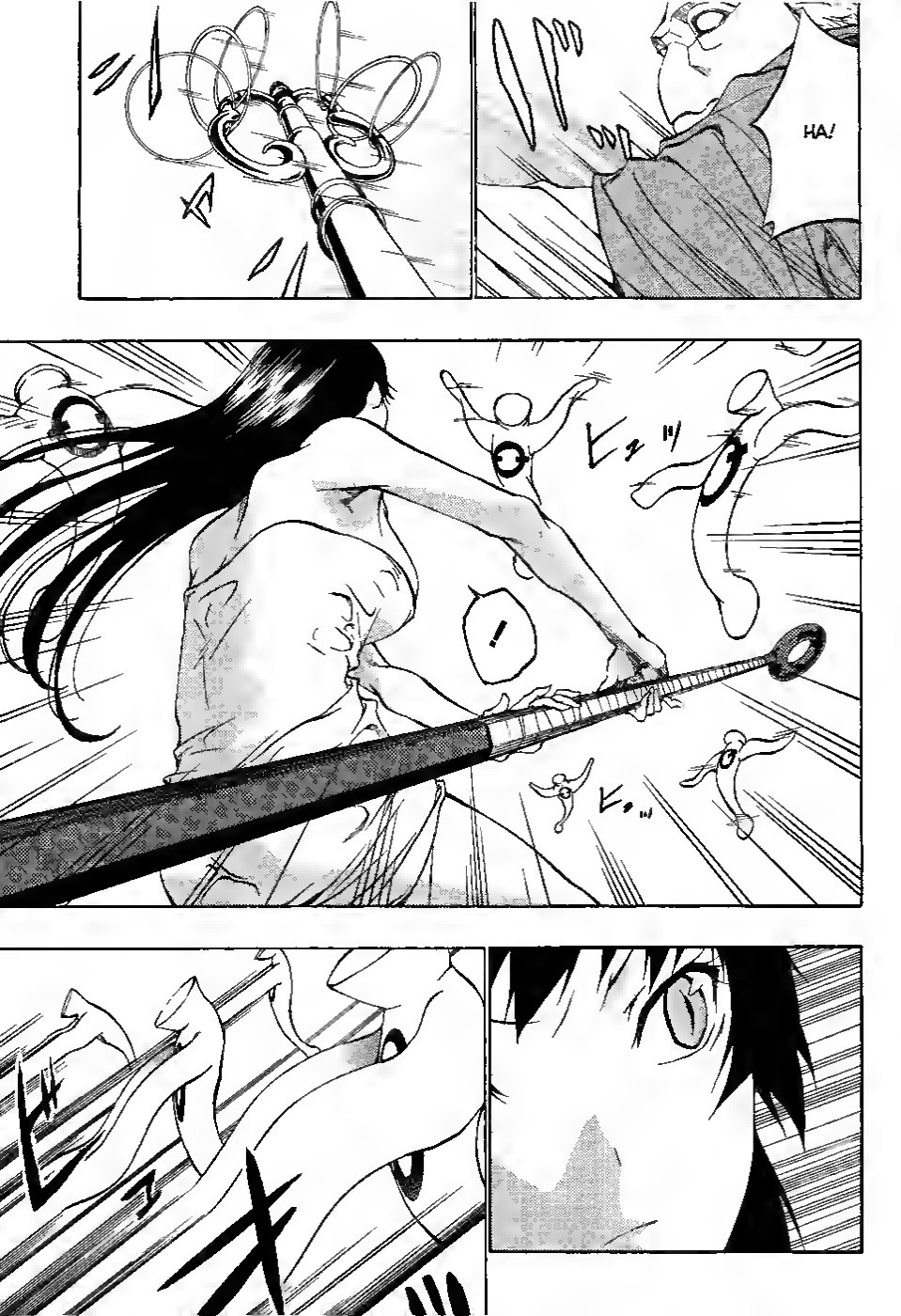
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...
BOOM
BOOM


HEY, YOU BASTARD ...
THIS HAS GOTTEN TROUBLE-SOME ...!
AYAME THE PURSUER!

DON'T YOU CALL MY MASTER A 'VESSEL'!
YOU BRAT THAT DOESN'T KNOW HIS PLACE...
OROCHI IS THE SUCCESSOR OF THE KUSHINATA CLAN THAT I, AYAME, DAUGHTER OF SOUMA KOJIROU RECOGNIZE!


HA!

AYAME...
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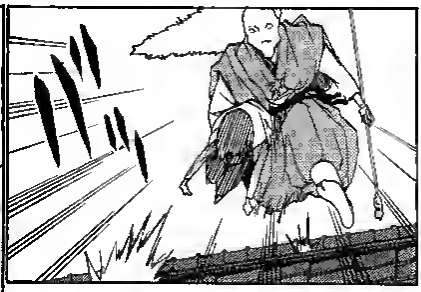

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STOP RIGHT THERE!

PLEASE, AYAME...
I'M NOT IN A VERY GOOD MOOD RIGHT NOW...
NOT NOW! I WANT TO SAVE NATSUKI!
GO CHANGE THEM.
A GIRL CAN'T ACT RASHLY IN THOSE CLOTHES,
AYAME WILL NEVER ALLOW THAT!
ALSO THAT BASTARD CALLED YOU A 'VESSEL'!
I WANT TO DO A LITTLE 'WARM UP'...
ALSO ...
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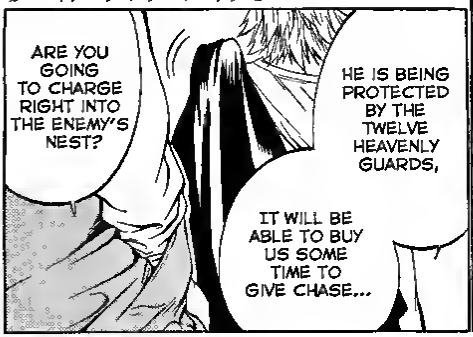
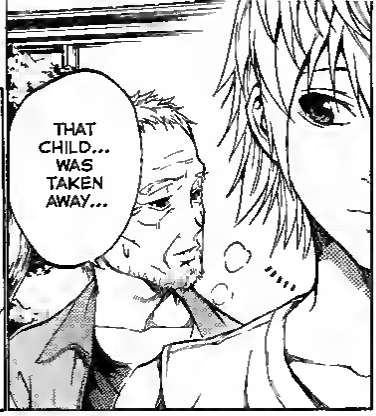
CROW IS ONE OF MY FATHER'S WELL-TRAINED DISCIPLES...
HE ISN'T AN OPPONENT THAT I CAN DEFEAT WITHOUT GETTING HURT ON MY PART...

OROCHI!


ARE YOU GOING TO CHARGE RIGHT INTO THE ENEMY'S NEST?
HE IS BEING PROTECTED BY THE TWELVE HEAVENLY GUARDS,
IT WILL BE ABLE TO BUY US SOME TIME TO GIVE CHASE...


THAT CHILD... WAS TAKEN AWAY...
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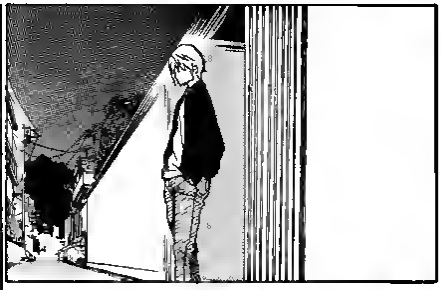
DON'T WORRY,
IT WILL ALL BE OVER DURING DAYBREAK.

SAY, OROCHI...
YES?



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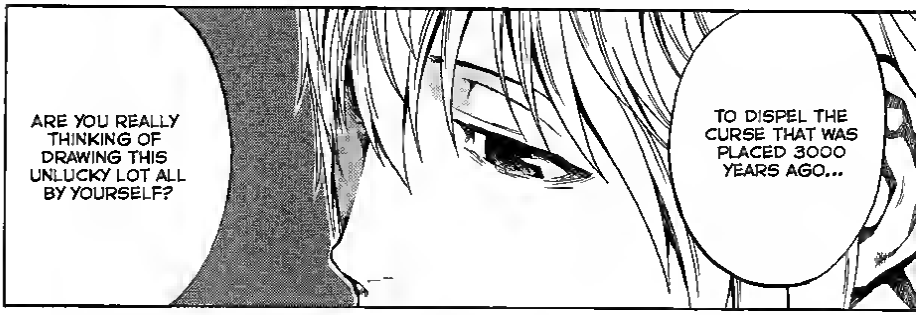
ARE YOU GOING TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT?

YOU HAVE NEVER OFFENDED ANYONE,
AND YET YOU'RE GOING TO SWALLOW THE RESENTMENT AND MISERY OF PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW...
AND TO SWALLOW THOSE OF YOURS AS WELL...


TO DISPEL THE CURSE THAT WAS PLACED 3000 YEARS AGO...
ARE YOU REALLY THINKING OF DRAWING THIS UNLUCKY LOT ALL BY YOURSELF?

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IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT CAN DRAW IT?
OTHER THAN ME...
GOING TO DRAW THIS UNLUCKY LOT WITH ME TOO?
OR IS AYAME...
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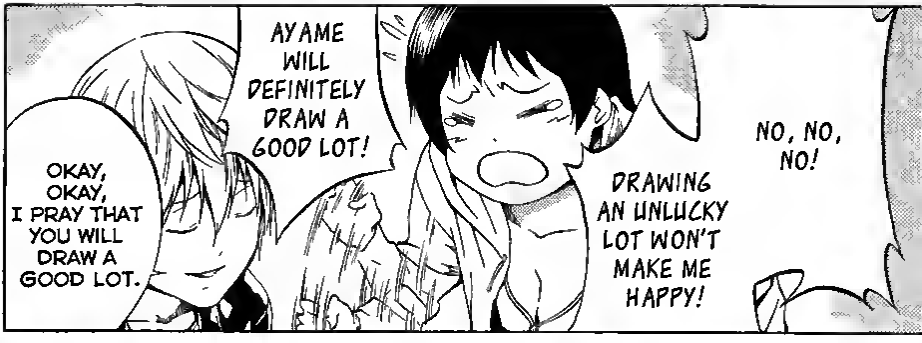
NO WAY!
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO SAY THAT...


NO, NO, NO!
DRAWING AN UNLUCKY LOT WON'T MAKE ME HAPPY!
AYAME WILL DEFINITELY DRAW A GOOD LOT!
OKAY, OKAY, I PRAY THAT YOU WILL DRAW A GOOD LOT.

?
OROCHI MUST DRAW A GOOD LOT TOO--!
DON'T MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR ME, PLEASE.

URGH……
!
TAKE A LOOK...
THE BLOODLINE THAT FLOWS WITHIN YOUR BODY IS STAINED WITH SUCH DEEP SINS ...
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE...
ALTHOUGH THE SCHEDULE IS A BIT OFF, BUT IN THE END THE TASK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
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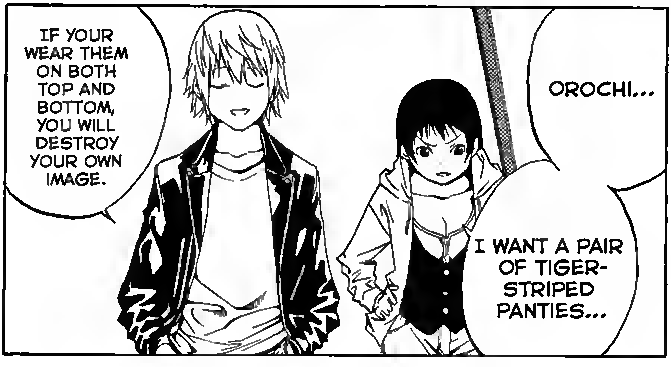
THE OBSESSION OF A HUMAN'S HEART...
IS SO DEEP AND WIDE ...


IF YOUR WEAR THEM ON BOTH TOP AND BOTTOM, YOU WILL DESTROY YOUR OWN IMAGE.
OROCHI...
I WANT A PAIR OF TIGER-STRIPED PANTIES...

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LAST CHAPTER
SACRED WIND PURIFICATION

MUMMY?
WH... WHAT'S THIS?

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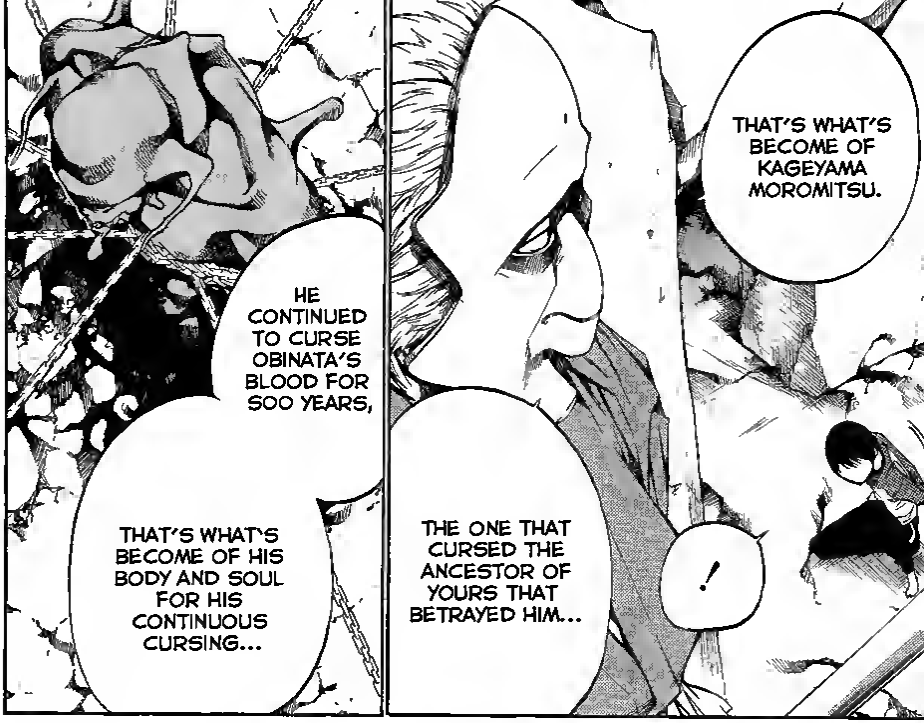
HE CONTINUED TO CURSE OBINATA'S BLOOD FOR SOO YEARS,
THAT'S WHAT'S BECOME OF HIS BODY AND SOUL FOR HIS CONTINUOUS CURSING...
THE ONE THAT CURSED THE ANCESTOR OF YOURS THAT BETRAYED HIM...
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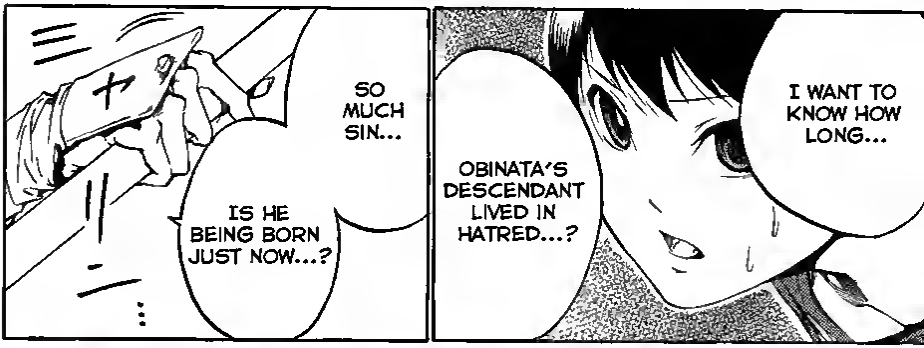
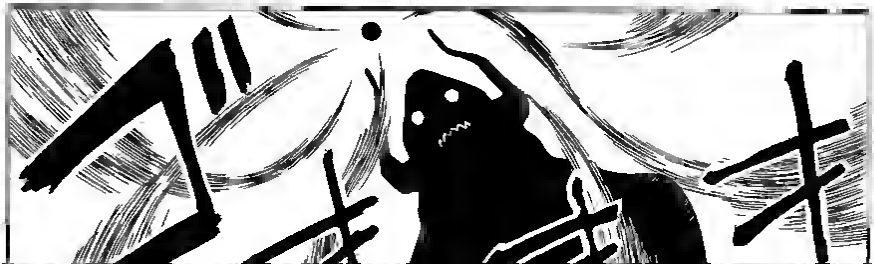
THAT'S WHAT'S BECOME OF KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU.


SO MUCH SIN...
IS HE BEING BORN JUST NOW...?
OBINATA'S DESCENDANT LIVED IN HATRED...?
I WANT TO KNOW HOW LONG...



THIS IS...
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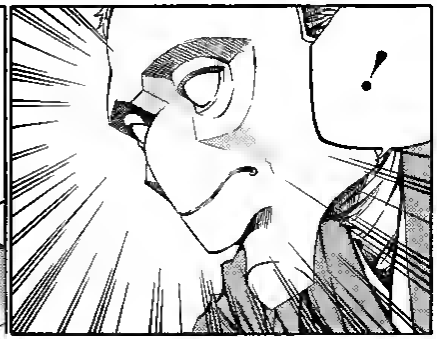
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TWELVE HEAVENLY GUARDS!!
THAT'S RIGHT...
AN OUTSTANDING DEFENSE BARRIER FOR EVEN SECRET RELIGIOUS TRANSMISSION INCANTATIONS.
ONCE IT'S ACTIVATED, EVIL INTENTIONS...
WON'T TOUCH HIM UNTIL DAYBREAK ...
FUSHAAAAAA

NICE TO MEET YOU
KAGEYAMA MOROMITSU...

SORRY THAT THIS IS SO ONE-SIDED BUT,...
I'LL GET YOU TO REVOKE YOUR CONTRACT WITH KUSHINATA.

OROCHI-SAN!
ARE YOU INSANE?
I'M PERFECT-LY AT MY SENSES
I PLAN TO PAY ...
COMPEN-SATION FOR BREAK-ING CON-TRACT.
GOAAAAA!!

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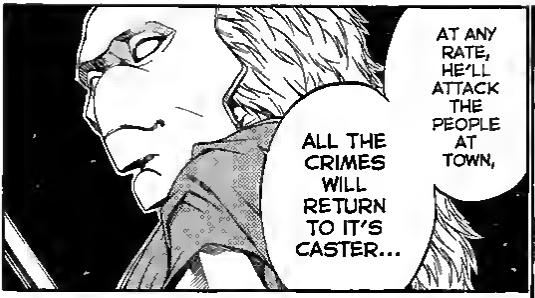
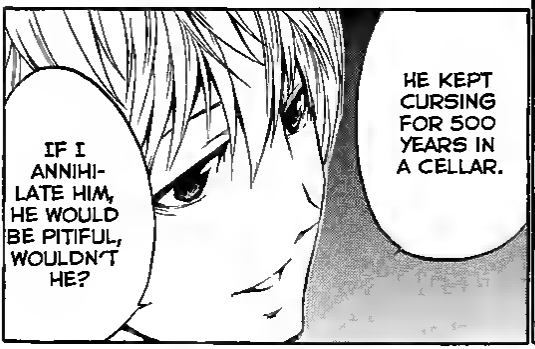

AT ANY RATE, HE'LL ATTACK THE PEOPLE AT TOWN,
ALL THE CRIMES WILL RETURN TO IT'S CASTER...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
RELEAS-ING AN INCOMPLETE DEMON ON THE FIELD ...


HE KEPT CURSING FOR 500 YEARS IN A CELLAR.
IF I ANNIHI-LATE HIM, HE WOULD BE PITIFUL, WOULDN'T HE?

I WANT...
TO LET HIM BREATH AIR IN HIS HOME TOWN FOR THE LAST TIME.

sfx Clattering

SWOOSH

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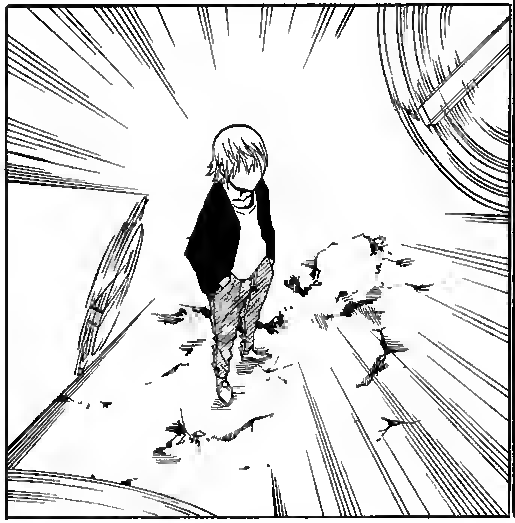
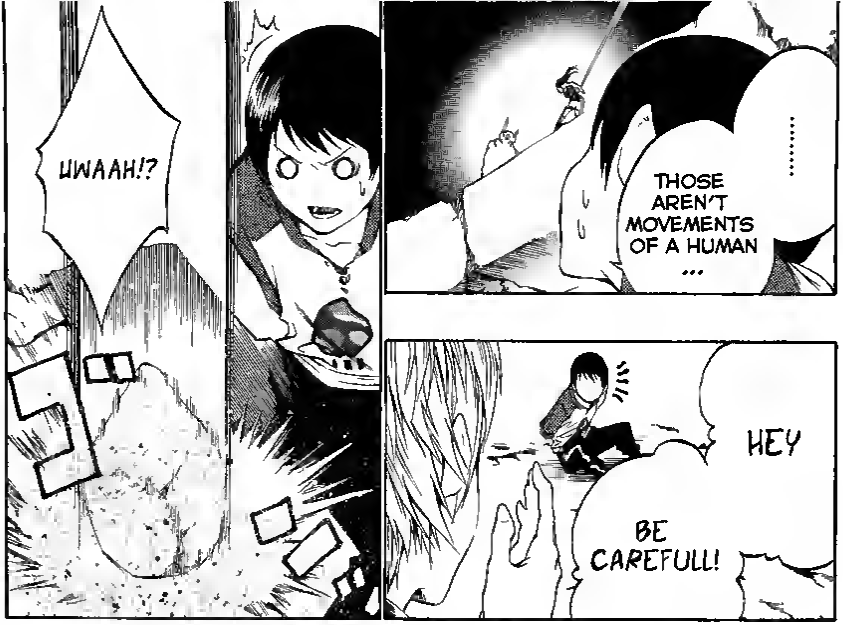
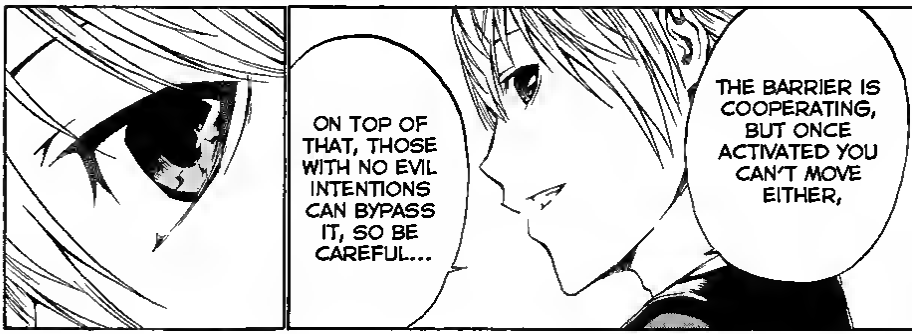


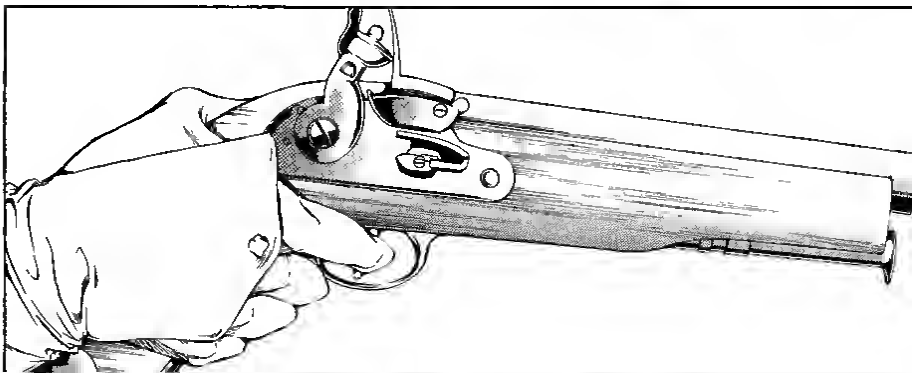
DO NOT WORRY,
JUST STAY WHERE YOU ARE.

OROCHI-SAN!!

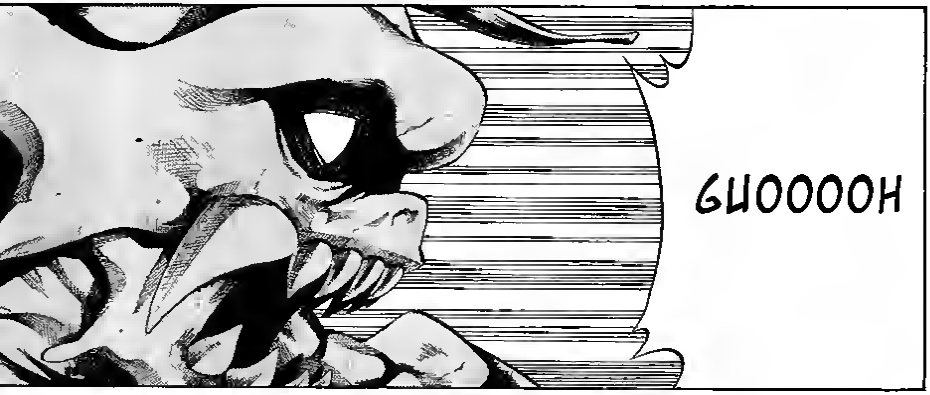
A MYSTERIOUS POWER OF WILL?
JUST LIKE A SAKE DEMON.


UWAAH!?
THOSE AREN'T MOVEMENTS OF A HUMAN ...
HEY BE CAREFULL!


ON TOP OF THAT, THOSE WITH NO EVIL INTENTIONS CAN BYPASS IT, SO BE CAREFUL...
THE BARRIER IS COOPERATING, BUT ONCE ACTIVATED YOU CAN'T MOVE EITHER,



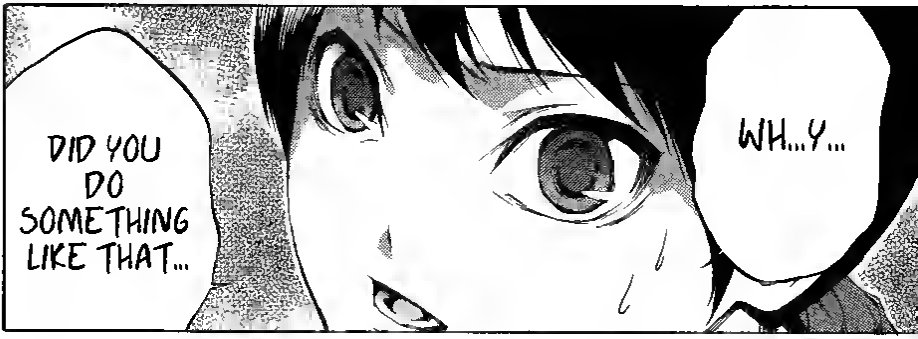
IF I USE GUN-POWDER, IT WON'T BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE EVIL INTENTIONS
THAT'S RIGHT

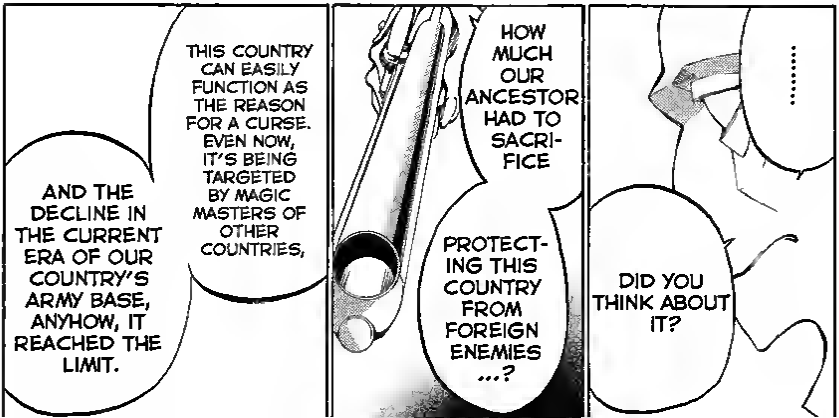

GUOOOOH

HAAA
...
YOU CERTAINLY WERE A SUBLIME WARRIOR.
YOU'RE STRONG...

DID YOU FORGET? THE DISCIPLINE EFFECT TECHNIQUE IS THE ROOT OF NINJUTSU.
GUNPOWDER HAS BEEN USED SINCE LONG AGO.
HEY, THAT'S ...
SLY.
LIKE THIS ...
THE CURSE COULDN'T FUNCTION.
I PUT GREAT EFFORT ON IT...
I DON'T WANT MY LIFE'S WORK TO FAIL.
IT'S BEEN 40 YEARS SINCE I FOUND MOROMITSU ON THIS EARTH...
ONCE MORE I'LL FEED OBINATA'S SOUL TO RESURRECT HIM.
FOR 500 YEARS PEOPLE HAVE LIVED IN KAGEYAMA SOIL WHILE MOROMITSU ROTTED...
THEN WHO'S THE ONE WHO CURSED FATHER...
NO WAY...
... JUST AS I THOUGHT
THERE'S NO WAY FOR A CURSE TO PRESERVE ITSELF FOR 500 YEARS WITHOUT PRAYER...

INDEED...
IT WAS ME...


WH...Y...
DID YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...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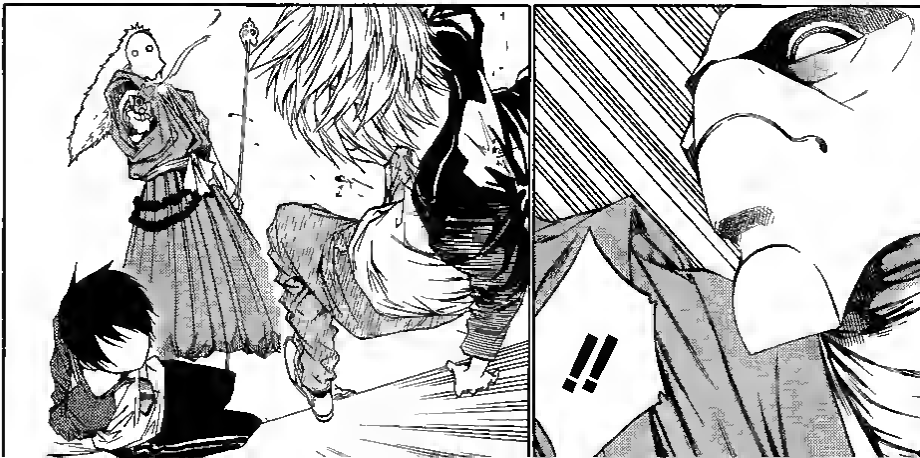
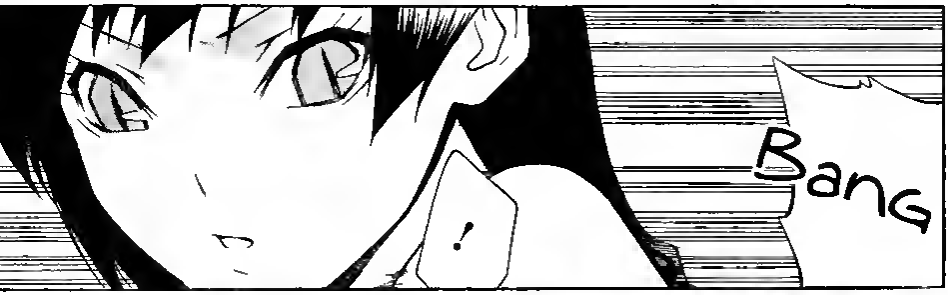
DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?
HOW MUCH OUR ANCESTOR HAD TO SACRI-FICE
PROTECT-ING THIS COUNTRY FROM FOREIGN ENEMIES ...?
THIS COUNTRY CAN EASILY FUNCTION AS THE REASON FOR A CURSE. EVEN NOW, IT'S BEING TARGETED BY MAGIC MASTERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES,
AND THE DECLINE IN THE CURRENT ERA OF OUR COUNTRY'S ARMY BASE, ANYHOW, IT REACHED THE LIMIT.

THIS COUNTRY'S TRUTH NEEDS A PROTECTOR,
THAT WILL KEEP SAFE THIS COUNTRY'S FUTURE FOR ALL ETERNITY, THE ULTIMATE CURSE...
FOR THAT, 64 SMALL DEMONS NEED TO BE SACRIFICED ...
FOR THIS CURSE TO BE COMPLETED, NUMEROUS LEADERS' LIVES WERE USED...
.....
DO YOU THINK I CAN STOP NOW AFTER PAYING SUCH A PRICE?
THIS 3000 YEARS CEASELESSLY CONTINUING INCANTATION MASTERS WISHES...
HOW DARE YOU...
.....
... CURSE WHOEVER YOU WANT...
THIS GRUDGE BECOMES PROVISION FOR THE DEFENSE OF YOUR COUNTRY.




Bang
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ヒッ
OROCHI
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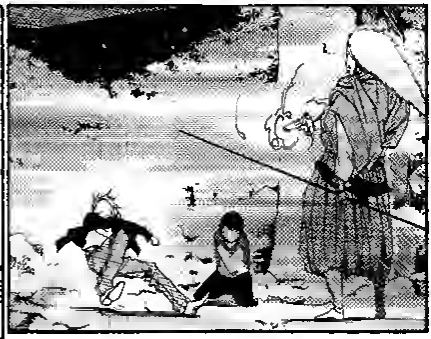

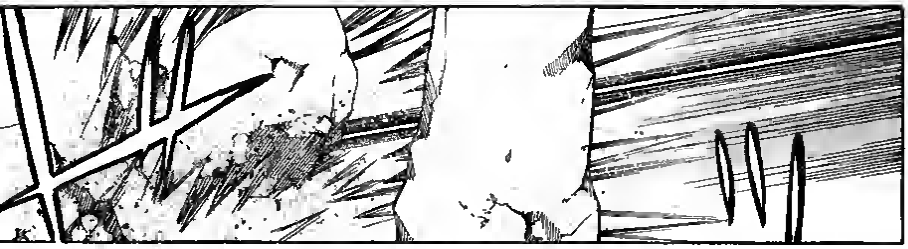

UWAAH
GIVE UP,
YOU'RE OUT OF TIME...
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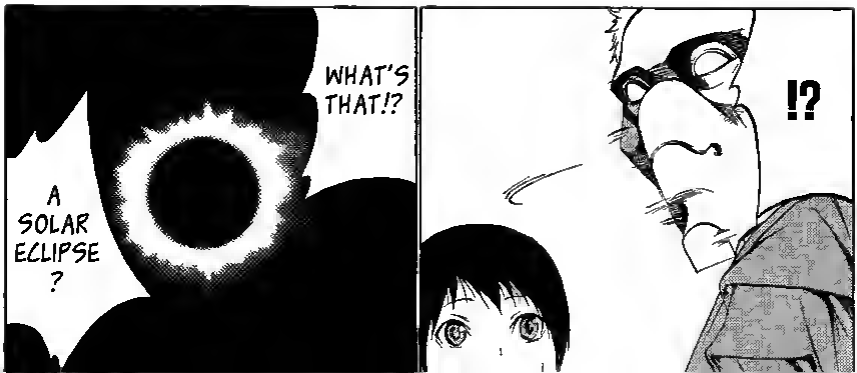
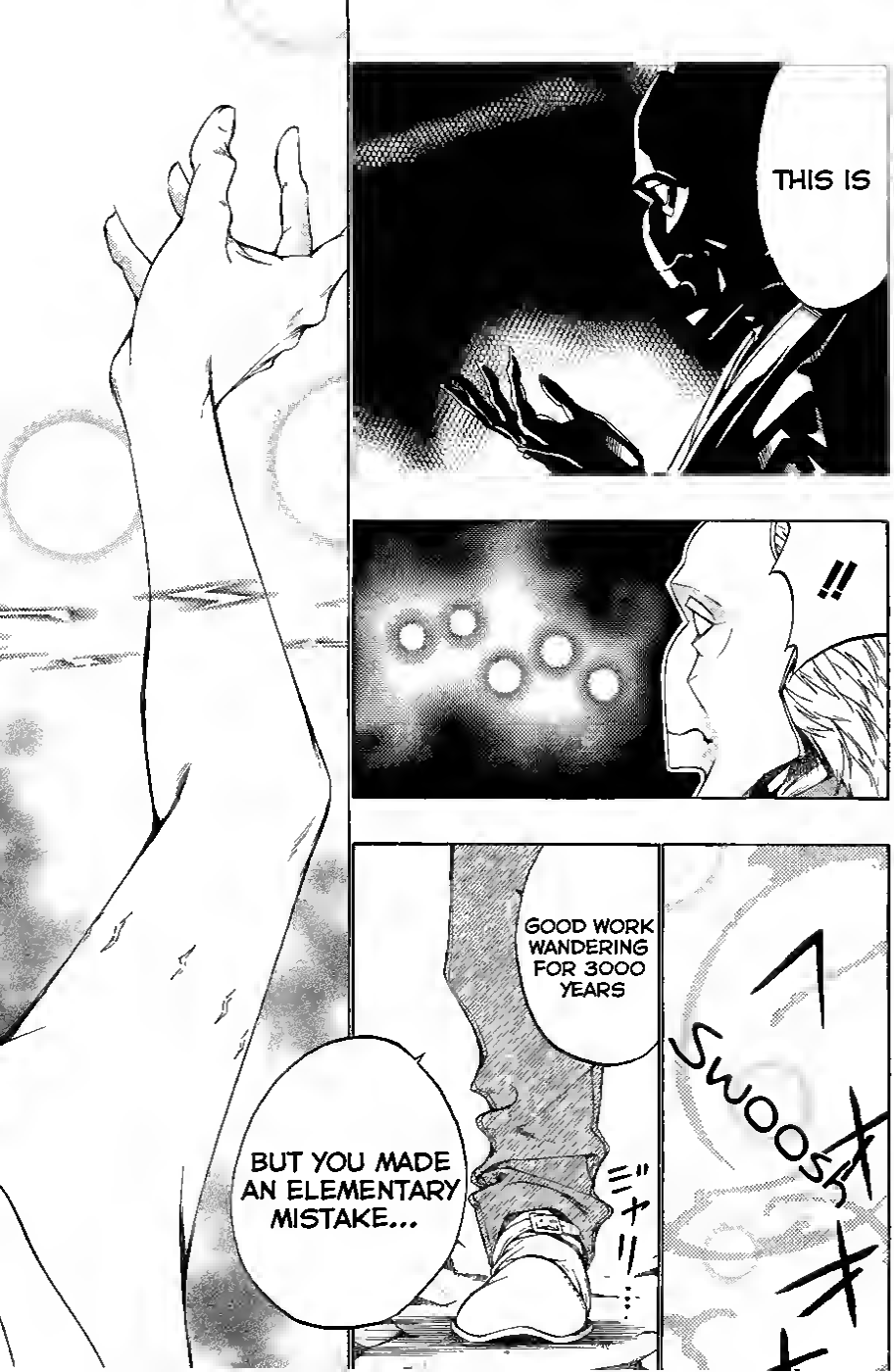
THE NIGHT IS GIVING WAY
TO DAWN.

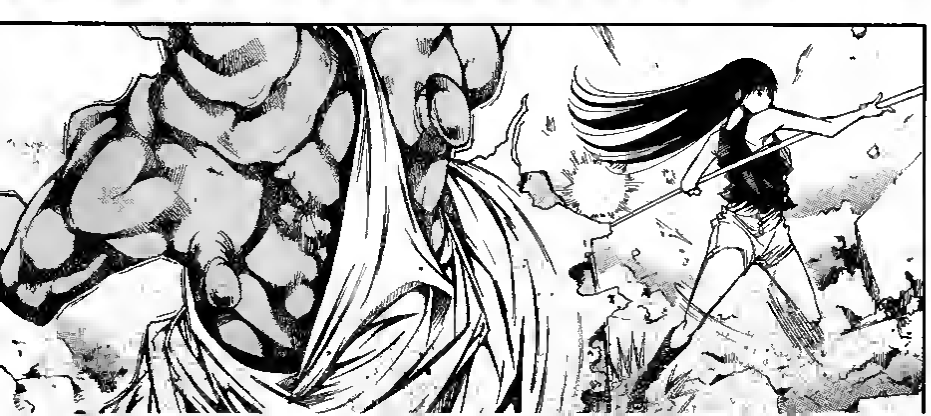

WHAT'S THAT!?
A SOLAR ECLIPSE ?
!?

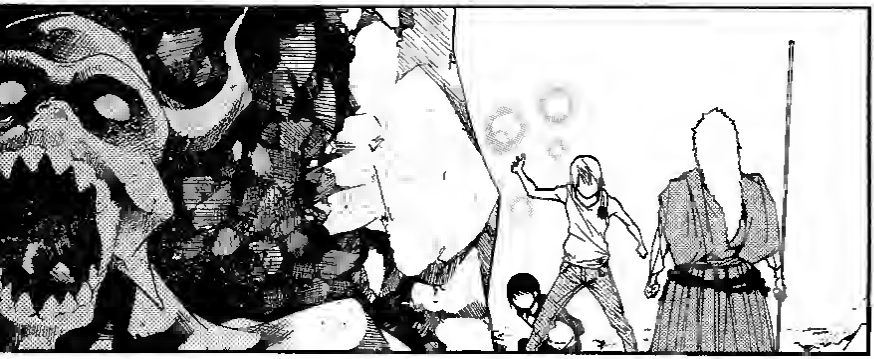

THIS IS
!!
GOOD WORK WANDERING FOR 3000 YEARS
BUT YOU MADE AN ELEMENTARY MISTAKE...
SWOOSH

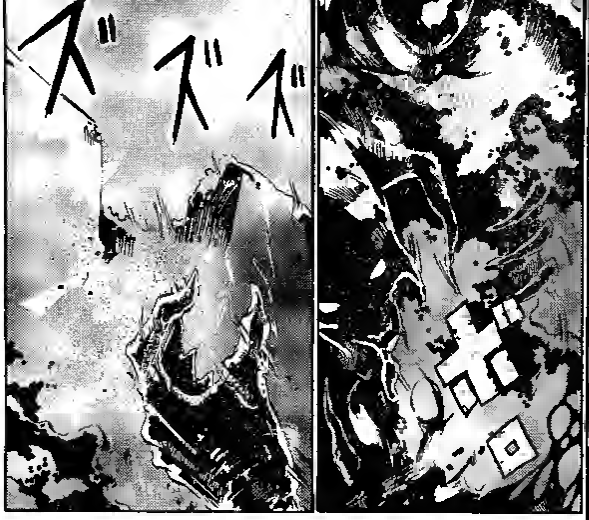
YOU GOT THE BARRIER WRONG.
USE THE PRIEST'S STAFF!?
IMPOSSIBLE... YOU'RE GOING TO...

Bam
GURU-
RURU...

I WANTED TOU-CHAN TO HAVE FUN WITH YOU AS WELL.
YOU WERE RATHER FUN



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GAAAAAAAH

FU... FUFUFU... I SEE
MAGNI-FICENT... THIS IS THE PRIEST'S STAFF'S MERITS...
KUH...
USED TO COLLECT SUN LIGHT ...
YOUR FATHER WILL BE PLEASED...
YOU BECAME A BETTER VESSEL THAN EXPECTED ...
.....

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, ARMY BASE WILL LISTEN.
IF I DON'T REVIVE YOU AND BRING YOU WITH ME, MONJU WILL NAG ME.
YOU NEED
TO VALUE YOUR LIFE MORE.

WAH !!
?
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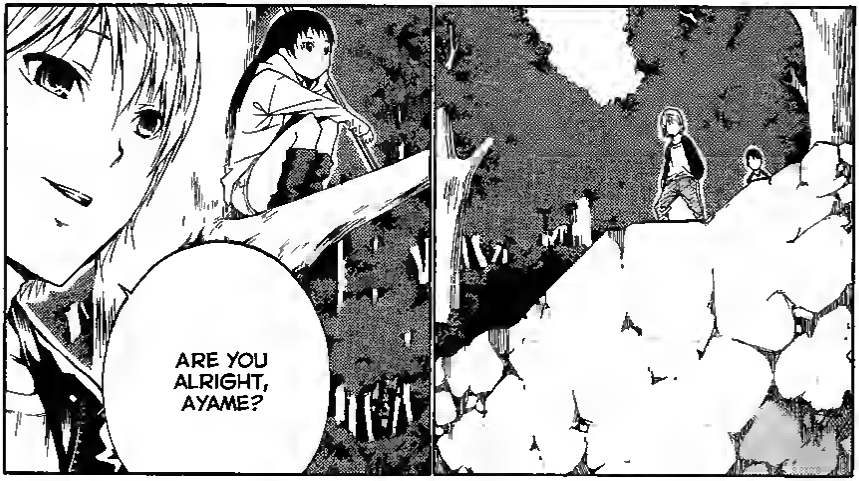
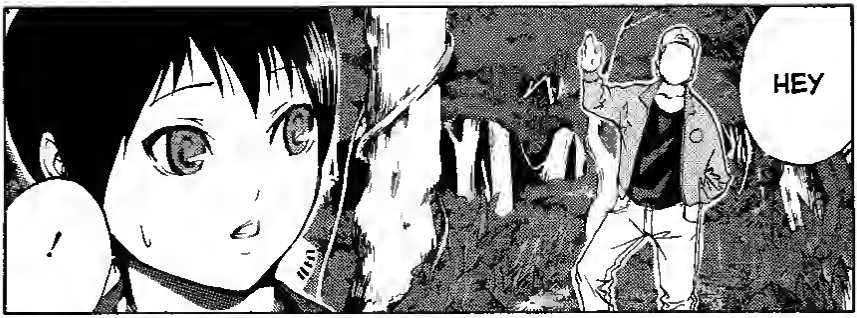
NOW...
...
LEAVE THIS PLACE.
EH!?
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, IT'LL COLLAPSE ...


ARE YOU ALRIGHT, AYAME?

...!! MY ARM IS...
OROCHI IS CLUMSY, SO IT WAS A BLUNDER...
EEH... IS IT MY FAULT?

THANKS TO YOU, I'M STILL ALIVE
THIS TIME
OROCHI ...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


HEY
!

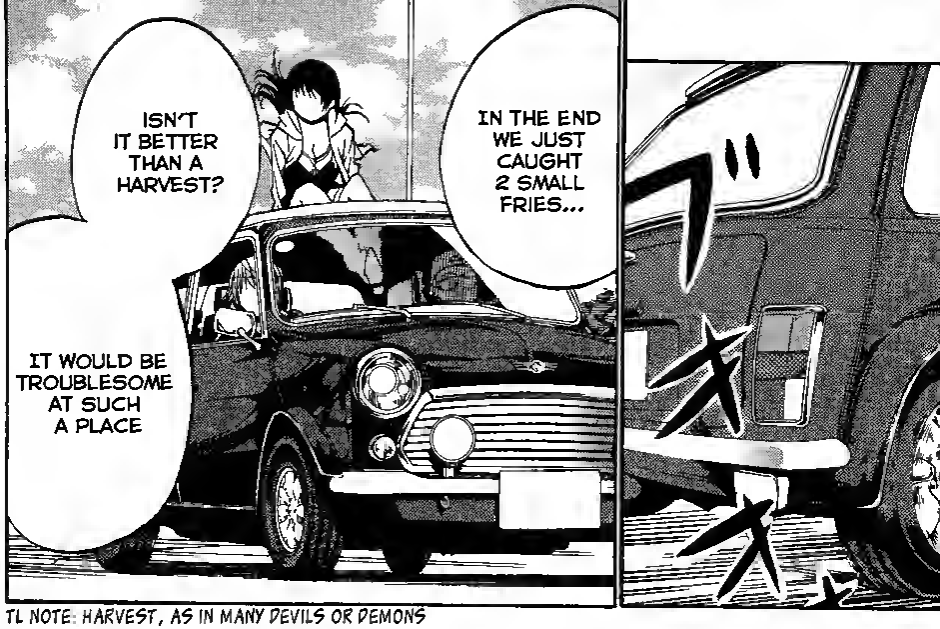
IT WOULD BE BEST TO LEAVE BEFORE THE PEOPLE DOWN THERE COME.
BUT YOU MADE A SHOW OUT OF IT...
SORRY, BUT I NEEDED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO SILENCE THE POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND MASS MEDIA ...
MONJU IS USELESS, NO HELP AT ALL
THE LEADING MAN WAS THERE.
YOU'RE LATE, MONJU...

EVEN IF IT'S SAID THAT I BELONG TO THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLD AGENCY, IT'S HERESY AFTER ALL
TO ACT VIOLENTLY WITH A HANDSOME FACE.
THAT'S RIGHT,
WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS TOWN FAST...
EH? FROM TOWN?
YOUR LINAGE IS NO LONGER CURSED ...
SO YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR REGULAR LIFE...
.....
FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED SINCE YOU WOKE TODAY...
MAKE A NEW HISTORY OF OBINATA ...
ERM...
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME,
AND...
I'M SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY.

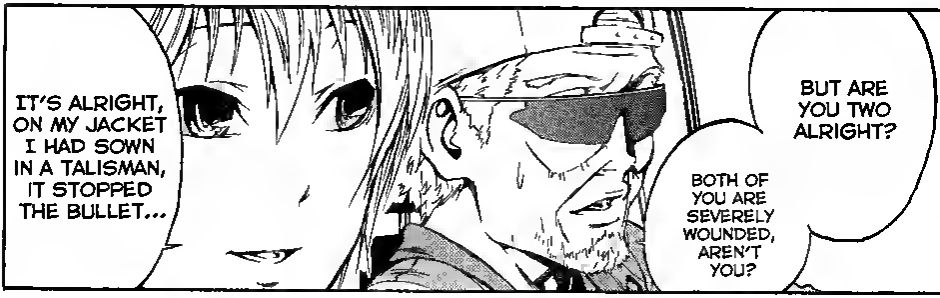
AHAHAH-AHAHA!!
NATSUKI IS A GOOD KID.♡
IF YOU WANT...
COME TO PLAY HERE AGAIN...
AS WELL AS GRAND-FATHER AND MOTHER!!
YES, BOTH WILL BE HAPPY...
AYAME WILL DEFINITELY COME TO MEET YOU!!
Y... YES, CERTAINLY ...
AAH, RIGHT, NATSUKI-KUN.
EVEN REMIMARU-TAN!!
HUH?

YOU SHOULD SMILE MORE.
SMILING BRINGS GOOD FORTUNE...
IF YOU SMILE...
AT LEAST, I THINK YOUR MOTHER WILL BE REWARDED.
.....
THAT'S RIGHT!

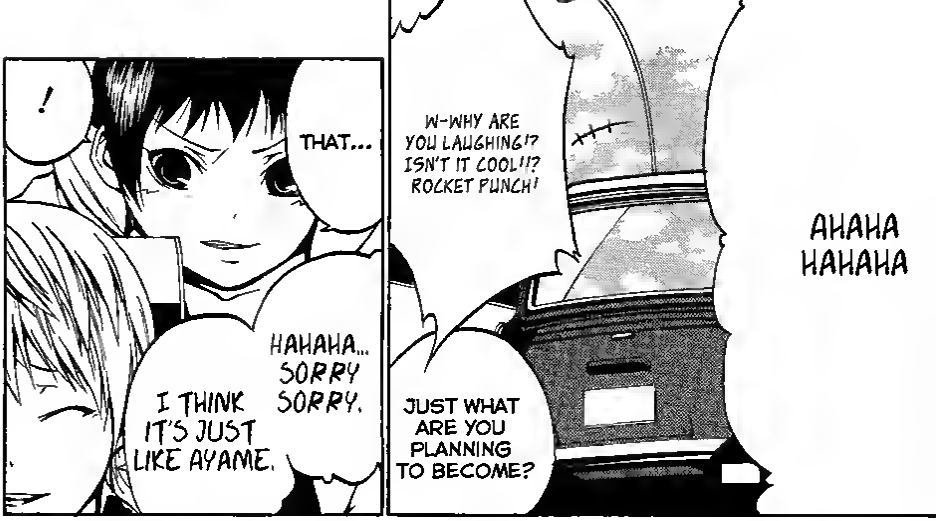
Rustle

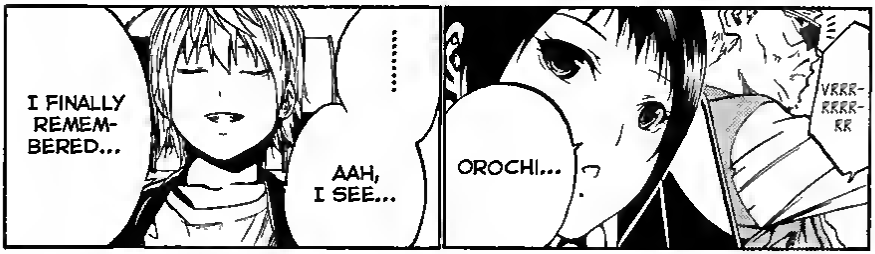



TL NOTE: HARVEST, AS IN MANY DEVILS OR DEMONS


IT'S ALRIGHT, ON MY JACKET I HAD SOWN IN A TALISMAN, IT STOPPED THE BULLET...
BUT ARE YOU TWO ALRIGHT?
BOTH OF YOU ARE SEVERELY WOUNDED, AREN'T YOU?

THEN...
UHM...
AYAME...
REGARDLESS THAT YOU'RE RIGHT-HANDED, IF IT'S FOR A LONG TIME YOU'LL BE TROUBLED, RIGHT?
REALLY? OROCHI!?
IF I'LL HAVE RAW MATERIALS ...
DO YOU HAVE ANY WISHES?
ROCKET PUNCH...
WANTS...
Pft

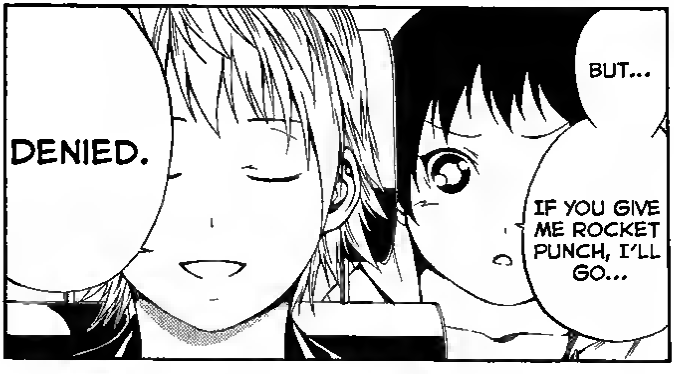

AHAHA
HAHAHA
W-WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING!? ISN'T IT COOL!!? ROCKET PUNCH!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO BECOME?
!
THAT...
HAHAHA... SORRY SORRY.
I THINK IT'S JUST LIKE AYAME.


VRRR-RRRR-RR
OROCHI...
.....
AAH, I SEE...
I FINALLY REMEM-BERED...

LAUGHING...
WAS LIKE THAT...

MONJU HERE...
YES... YES...
EH!? A FOREIGN COUNTRY?
I HAVE A BAD PREMO-NITION.
... YOUR FATHER CROSSED OVERSEAS...
FOR NOW WE'LL GO TO CHINA...
... IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
.....
NO!! AYAME DOESN'T WANT TO GO!
I CAN'T COMMU-NICATE IN WORDS OVERSEAS!!
AYAME
OVERSEAS THEY HAVE PRETTY SCENERIES, YOU KNOW?
I DON'T WANT TO!
ARE PANDAS CUTE?
NO!!
THERE ARE MANY RARE ALCOHOLIC BEVERA-GES.
IT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION!!!

I'LL BE TROUBLED WITHOUT AYAME...
NO, DON'T WANNA!! AYAME WON'T GO TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY!!
I ABSOLUTELY WON'T GO!!!

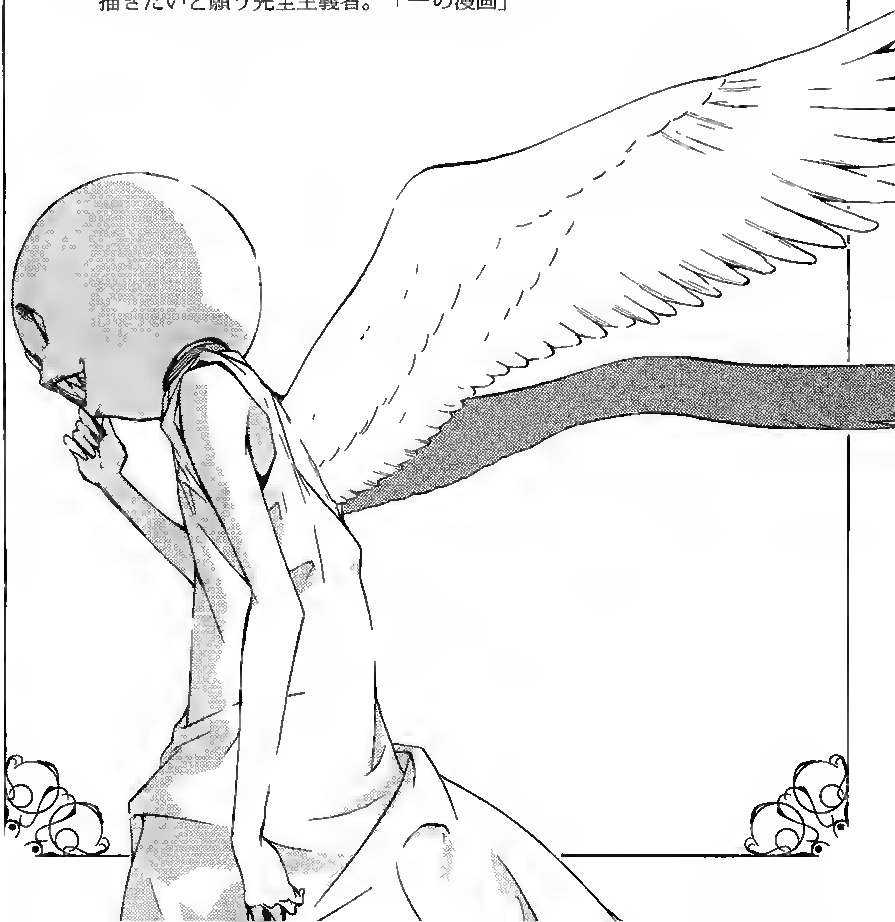

BUT...
IF YOU GIVE ME ROCKET PUNCH, I'LL GO...
DENIED.

こううん-りゅうすい[カウウンリウスイ]【行雲流水】

空を行く雲と流れる水。物事に執着せず、淡々として自然の成り行きに任せて行動することのたとえ。「一の生活」

かざにわ-るすい[カザニワルスイ]【風庭ルスイ】

漫画とか描いたりする人。小さい事に固執せず、自然体で気ままに描きたいと願う完全主義者。「一の漫画」



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